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1                   **[THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN**  
2                   **CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013.]**

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND  
7 GENTLEMEN, IF I COULD HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. WE WELCOME YOU TO  
8 THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
9 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY, MARCH 12, 2013, WE TAKE  
10 NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS, CARLOS GERARD, IN  
11 PLACE, SACHI HAMAI, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BILL FUJIOKA, OUR  
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE ONE AND ONLY JOHN KRATTLI,  
13 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. A QUORUM IS ESTABLISHED. WE BEGIN WITH OUR  
14 MORNING'S INVOCATION AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR ZEV  
15 YAROSLAVSKY OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, PASTOR DAN BAUMGARTNER OF  
16 THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD AND OUR PLEDGE  
17 VETERAN IS REX SULLIVAN, COMMANDER, SUGAR RAY ROBINSON POST  
18 209 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE FOR THE  
19 MORNING INVOCATION.

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21   **PASTOR DAN BAUMGARTNER:** LET US PRAY TOGETHER. LORD OF HEAVEN  
22 AND EARTH, WE START THIS MORNING SIMPLY BY SAYING THANK YOU.  
23 THANK YOU FOR A NEW DAY TO LIVE. THANK YOU FOR THE STUNNING  
24 BEAUTY OF THE SUNRISE. THANK YOU FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
25 THAT EACH OF US ENJOY. AND WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS GREAT



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1 AND TEEMING COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL OF THE MILLIONS OF  
2 PEOPLE, OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE THAT IT ENCOMPASSES AND  
3 THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW EACH AND EVERY ONE. LORD, I THANK YOU  
4 THIS MORNING FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS ROOM WHO WORK ON  
5 BEHALF OF OTHERS, FOR THE BOARD, THE SUPERVISORS, THE STAFF. I  
6 PRAY YOU'LL BLESS THEIR LABORS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WILL BE  
7 A BLESSING TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I PRAY, LORD,  
8 THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD OUR COMMUNITY  
9 WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. THE PROBLEMS SEEM UNLIMITED  
10 AND THE RESOURCES LIMITED AND YET YOU CALL US TO WORK FROM  
11 YOUR ABUNDANCE AND NOT OUR OWN SCARCITY. SO GUIDE THIS BOARD  
12 OF SUPERVISORS. GIVE EACH PERSON THE ABILITY TO FOCUS ON THAT  
13 WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WOULD MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER  
14 PLACE TO LIVE. LORD, WE ALL OPERATE, AT LEAST SOME OF THE  
15 TIME, OUT OF MOTIVES WHICH ARE NOT ENTIRELY GOOD, FORGIVE US  
16 FOR THAT. AND FILL EACH OF THESE FRIENDS WITH THE STRONG  
17 DESIRE TO SEEK THE BEST FOR OTHERS. PROTECT THEM FROM THE NEED  
18 TO BE RIGHT. PROTECT THEM FROM THE PRESSURE TO BE PERCEIVED  
19 FAVORABLY. PROTECT THEM FROM THE IMPULSE TO BE DEFENSIVE AND,  
20 INSTEAD, USE THEM TO MAKE WISE, MATURE DECISIONS AND TO LEAD  
21 IN WAYS THAT WILL MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.  
22 TOWARD THAT END, LORD, THEY WILL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. SO,  
23 TODAY, EVEN THIS DAY, GIFT THEM WITH A SPIRIT OF COLLEGIALITY  
24 AND COOPERATION. GIVE THEM SOME MOMENTS OF JOY AND LAUGHTER





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1 TOGETHER. LORD, FILL THIS MEETING ROOM AND BE PRESENT HERE THE  
2 ENTIRE DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR PRAYERS, AMEN.

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4 **REX SULLIVAN:** I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED  
5 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE  
6 NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR  
7 ALL.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION  
13 THIS MORNING BY PASTOR DAN BAUMGARTNER OF THE FIRST  
14 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD. EXCUSE ME. PASTOR  
15 BAUMGARTNER BECAME THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE CHURCH TWO YEARS  
16 AGO. HE GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BUSINESS  
17 ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND WITH A  
18 MASTER'S IN DIVINITY FROM PRINCETON SEMINARY. PASTOR  
19 BAUMGARTNER HAS PASTORED CHURCHES IN SEATTLE, WHERE HE WAS  
20 BORN AND RAISED, AND ALSO IN MINNEAPOLIS. PASTOR BAUMGARTNER  
21 AND HIS WIFE CURRENTLY LIVE IN SILVER LAKE AND AT THE HELM OF  
22 A GREAT CHURCH IN OUR DISTRICT AND IN HOLLYWOOD. AND WE THANK  
23 YOU FOR THAT INSPIRATIONAL INVOCATION AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL  
24 HAVE A COUPLE OF LAUGHS TODAY, ALTHOUGH IT'S DOUBTFUL. WE HAVE  
25 TO PRAY VERY HARD FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
3 YAROSLAVSKY AND PASTOR, FOR THE INVOCATION. WE NOW WISH TO  
4 THANK OUR MORNING PLEDGE VETERAN WHO IS NONE OTHER THAN REX  
5 SULLIVAN, COMMANDER WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION, SUGAR RAY  
6 ROBINSON POST 209. HE SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE UNITED  
7 STATES ARMY FROM 1956 UNTIL 1960. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 82ND  
8 AIRBORNE DIVISION. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND  
9 COMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL  
10 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS A RETIRED MERCHANT MARINE. HE HAS  
11 LIVED IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR OVER 60 YEARS.  
12 AND SO WE THANK YOU TODAY FOR BRINGING US THE MORNING'S PLEDGE  
13 OF ALLEGIANCE, LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND WE  
14 THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
15 OUR NATION. [APPLAUSE.] ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE  
16 WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ONCE  
17 AGAIN?

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON  
2   PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
3   THE SANITATION DISTRICT, NO. 27. ITEM SD-1 IS BEFORE YOU.

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5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
6   SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. IF  
7   THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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9   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
10   OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-  
11   D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D AND 2-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
12   THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ITEM NO. 3-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE US,  
15   SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF  
16   THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF  
19   SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NO. 1, 2 AND 3,  
20   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE  
21   ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS INCLUDES THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION  
22   SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
23   AGENDA AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS  
24   THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
25   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS





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1 INCLUDES THE AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
2 AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST  
4 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9,  
5 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
6 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 10, THERE'S REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
7 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. LASTLY, ITEM NO. 17, THERE'S A  
8 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE  
9 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MEMBERS, THE BALANCE IS BEFORE  
12 US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
13 SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
14 VOTE.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
17 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 43, ON ITEM NO. 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NO. 19,  
19 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
20 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,  
21 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
22 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 19, 2013.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S  
2   A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON  
3   ITEM NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
4   HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
5   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 31,  
6   THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
7   PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 36, AS INDICATED ON THE  
8   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9   CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO APRIL 2, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM  
10   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON  
11   ITEM NO. 37, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
12   CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 23, 2013. ON ITEM NO. 38, THE  
13   SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH  
14   19, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
15   MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
16   NO. 40, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR  
17   OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
18   BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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20   **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF MIC) .

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22   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I'M SORRY? ITEM 40, REFERRED BACK,  
23   YES. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE  
24   BEFORE YOU.



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
2    ON THE BALANCE OF THOSE ITEMS BEFORE US, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3    MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
4    VOTE.

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6    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 26, DISCUSSION ITEMS,  
7    ITEMS 44 AND 45. ON ITEM NO. 44, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
8    AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL REQUEST  
9    THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 19, 2013.

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11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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13   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 45,  
14   SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO  
15   WEEKS TO MARCH 26, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS ALSO A  
16   REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. MISCELLANEOUS  
17   ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
18   IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
19   AGENDA, ON ITEM NO. 46-A, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS  
20   OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 46-B IS BEFORE  
21   YOU.

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23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE US.  
24   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. I  
25   NOTE NO OBJECTIONS. THEREFORE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON 46-C, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 19,  
4 2013.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
9 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ITEMS TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION BY WAY  
14 OF PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE  
15 TO THE NEXT SET OF PRESENTATIONS, WHICH IS THE SECOND  
16 DISTRICT. WE'LL MOVE THEN TO THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FINALLY THE  
17 FIFTH. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
18 INVITE SEVERAL OF THE LEADERS IN THE COUNTY WHO ARE WORKING ON  
19 MATTERS OF CONSEQUENCE. TODAY WE PROCLAIM NATIONAL WOMEN AND  
20 GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS, AND MARIA RANGEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
21 OF THE LOS ANGELES FAMILY AIDS NETWORK AS WELL AS SHARON WHITE  
22 WITH THE LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE ON HIV/AIDS, AND  
23 DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
24 HEALTH. THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS AWARENESS DAY IN  
25 THE COUNTY WHERE EVERYONE SHOULD EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS



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1 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS THAT IT HAS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IS  
2 OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT. THE ENTIRE BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT HIV  
3 AND AIDS ARE STILL TOO PREVALENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
4 IT SHOULD BE NOTED AS WE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
5 AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH THAT WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR SOME 24  
6 PERCENT OF ALL HIV DIAGNOSES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WOMEN OF  
7 COLOR ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED, ACCOUNTING FOR SOME 64  
8 PERCENT OF NEW AIDS DIAGNOSES AMONG WOMEN. AND THAT DATES BACK  
9 TO THE YEAR 2010. SOME OF THE FACTORS INCLUDE BIOLOGICAL  
10 VULNERABILITIES, RELATIONSHIP AND POWER DYNAMICS AND  
11 IMBALANCES, A HISTORY OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL TRAUMA, POOR SELF-  
12 IMAGE AND UNHEALTHY CHOICES. THE ILLNESS IS AFFECTING OUR  
13 DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS AND SISTERS, THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR  
14 COMMUNITY. THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO  
15 GET EDUCATED THROUGH THE THEME "SHARE KNOWLEDGE, TAKE ACTION."  
16 I'VE INTRODUCED A MOTION TO MAKE THIS ITEM ONE THAT IS  
17 IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. AND I WELCOME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18 THESE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE ADVOCATES.  
19 THEY HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. THEY SPEAK FROM THE  
20 PERSPECTIVE OF BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. AND THEY  
21 SPEAK BROADLY TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
22 SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THEM TO SHARE BRIEF REMARKS  
23 ON THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT MATTER. WE'RE GOING TO  
24 BEGIN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES FAMILY AIDS  
25 NETWORK, MARIA RANGEL, FOLLOWED BY SHARON WHITE, WHO IS THE



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1 FOUNDER OF THE LOS ANGELES COLLABORATIVE ON HIV/AIDS, AND  
2 WE'LL CONCLUDE WITH DR. FIELDING, OUR OWN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
3 HEALTH. PLEASE.

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5 **MARIA RANGEL:** GOOD MORNING. IN 2011, THE LOS ANGELES FAMILY  
6 AIDS NETWORK REPORTED IN ITS TOTAL FEMALE POPULATION -- THANK  
7 YOU -- REPORTED A TOTAL FEMALE POPULATION WHO WAS INFECTED  
8 WITH EITHER HIV OR AIDS OF 359. 126 OF THOSE WERE HIV  
9 DIAGNOSES AND 172 OF THOSE WERE AIDS DIAGNOSES. THESE NUMBERS  
10 ARE STILL REALLY HIGH. SO IT JUST SHOWS THAT THERE IS A LOT OF  
11 WORK THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE. AND WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
12 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE PROCLAMATION BECAUSE IT REALLY DOES  
13 SHOW THE WORK THAT THE LOS ANGELES FAMILY AIDS NETWORK HAS  
14 BEEN DOING AND CONTINUES TO DO. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SHARON WHITE:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE  
17 PROCLAMATION. YOU JUST GOT SOME DATA. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU  
18 ABOUT SOME MOVEMENT. IT'S TIME FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO TAKE AN  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TOWARDS THEIR HEALTH, TO TAKE AN  
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME EMPOWERED AND TO TAKE TIME TO TALK TO  
21 THEIR PARTNERS ABOUT TESTING, ABOUT OPEN COMMUNICATION AND  
22 ABOUT HONESTY. WE STARTED BECAUSE WE WANT THE COMMUNITY TO  
23 KNOW THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE FUNDING AROUND WOMEN AND HIV.  
24 THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION MESSAGES. AND,





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1 AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. GET TESTED AS  
2 SOON AS POSSIBLE AND KNOW YOUR STATUS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR, SUPERVISOR  
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, FOR RECOGNIZING  
6 NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY. DUE TO THE  
7 HIGH RATES OF HIV AND AIDS AMONG WOMEN, ESPECIALLY WOMEN OF  
8 COLOR, IT'S CRITICAL TO BRING THIS ISSUE TO BROAD AWARENESS.  
9 TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN 280,000 WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES  
10 LIVING WITH HIV. AND IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WOMEN REPRESENT 10  
11 PERCENT OF HIV AND AIDS CASES. BLACK AND LATINA WOMEN ARE  
12 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED -- THANK YOU -- ARE  
13 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED AT ALL STAGES OF HIV INFECTION  
14 COMPARED TO WOMEN OF OTHER RACE AND ETHNICITIES. IN 2010, THE  
15 LATEST YEAR FOR WHICH WE HAVE COMPLETE DATA, 85 PERCENT OF  
16 AIDS CASES WERE AMONG WOMEN OF COLOR. 85 PERCENT OF AIDS CASES  
17 AMONG WOMEN WERE WOMEN OF COLOR. SCREENING AND TESTING IS  
18 ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR WOMEN FOR SEVERAL REASONS. WOMEN ARE  
19 OFTEN DIAGNOSED LATER IN THEIR DISEASE THAN MEN, MORE LIKELY  
20 TO POSTPONE MEDICAL CARE FOR SOCIOECONOMIC OR DOMESTIC  
21 VIOLENCE OR FAMILY REASONS. IN 2010 AN ESTIMATED 30 PERCENT OF  
22 WOMEN WITH HIV DEVELOPED AIDS WITHIN A YEAR OF THEIR HIV  
23 DIAGNOSIS. ALSO, AN ESTIMATED 76 PERCENT OF HIV-POSITIVE WOMEN  
24 ARE THE PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THEIR  
25 HOMES. SO BEING DIAGNOSED EARLY IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND IN



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1 ORDER TO REDUCE MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION, WHICH WE KNOW WE  
2 CAN DO EFFECTIVELY, WOMEN IN PREGNANCY WITH HIV MUST ACCESS  
3 AND MONITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICATIONS. WOMEN WHO ENGAGE IN  
4 HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS, HAVING UNPROTECTED SEX, HAVING ANOTHER  
5 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE OR HAVING A BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN  
6 THE PAST, UP TO 1985, ARE ESPECIALLY AT RISK FOR HIV. SO IT'S  
7 IMPORTANT FOR WOMEN TO KNOW THEIR HIV STATUS FOR THREE  
8 REASONS. ONE, MANY NEW INFECTIONS ARE IN THOSE UNAWARE THAT  
9 THEY ARE INFECTED. SECONDLY, HIV MEDICATIONS ARE MORE  
10 EFFECTIVE WHEN YOU START EARLY. AND, THIRD, STARTING TREATMENT  
11 EARLY CAN MEAN TREATMENT MUCH BETTER REDUCING THE RISK OF  
12 GETTING HIV, FROM GOING FROM HIV TO GETTING AIDS AND FROM  
13 GETTING OTHER INFECTIONS THAT ARE MORE COMMON IN PEOPLE WITH  
14 HIV. SO IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO START TREATMENT EARLY, AND  
15 I ENCOURAGE ALL WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO GET TESTED. AND  
16 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TESTING, PLACES TO BE TESTED, WHAT THE  
17 TEST MEANS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE, L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH.ORG.  
18 AND WE WANT TO BE HERE FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS. AND WE WANT TO  
19 REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THIS SCOURGE. THANK YOU.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND  
23 LET ME, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, PRESENT YOU WITH THIS  
24 PROCLAMATION WHICH RECOGNIZES NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV  
25 AWARENESS DAY AND ENCOURAGES THE HIV/AIDS AND HEALTH



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1 COMMUNITIES TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE REDUCTION OF HIV  
2 INCIDENTS AND PREVALENCE AMONG WOMEN AND GIRLS. LADIES AND  
3 GENTLEMEN, LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THESE PUBLIC  
4 AND PRIVATE ADVOCATES FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO ON THIS  
5 IMPORTANT ISSUE. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF  
8 THE BOARD, YET ANOTHER HEALTH-RELATED PRESENTATION. WE'RE  
9 DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS MORNING YOLONDA SIMMONS, THE WINNER OF  
10 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING STREET NAMING CONTEST. YOU'LL BE  
11 INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT MS. SIMMONS WON THE M.L.K. MEDICAL  
12 CENTER STREET NAMING CONTEST WITH THE NAME OF HEALTHY WAY.  
13 NOW, THIS IS DUE TO A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THERE. A STREET WAS  
14 CREATED LEADING UP TO THE NEW MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY  
15 HOSPITAL. THE SECOND DISTRICT HELD A CONTEST TO NAME THIS NEW  
16 STREET TO ENGAGE RESIDENTS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE NEW  
17 HOSPITAL AND THE REVITALIZED CAMPUS. THE CONTEST HAD TWO  
18 PHASES. IN PHASE 1, INDIVIDUALS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT  
19 THEIR CHOICE OF NAMES. AND IN PHASE 2, ANY PERSON WHO VISITED  
20 OUR WEBSITE COULD VOTE ON THE EIGHT FINALISTS THAT HAD BEEN  
21 RECOMMENDED. AND THE COMPETITION WAS INTENSE. THE RESPONSE WAS  
22 TREMENDOUS IN THE SENSE THAT THERE WERE SOME 57 UNIQUE NAME  
23 SUGGESTIONS. 8 FINALISTS WERE CHOSEN BY WELL OVER 700-PLUS  
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAST VOTES ON THE ITEM. A CLEAR FAVORITE  
25 EMERGED IN THAT EFFORT THAT SPANNED AT LEAST A TWO-MONTH



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1 PERIOD. THAT NAME WAS "HEALTHY WAY." IT TOOK THE GRAND PRIZE  
2 WITH SOME 48 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST. AND SO I'M PLEASED TO  
3 HONOR THIS RESIDENT OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT WHO  
4 CAME UP WITH THE WINNING NAME FOR THE STREET LEADING TO THE  
5 NEW MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. I WANT TO  
6 CONGRATULATE YOLONDA SIMMONS, WHO CHOSE THIS NAME TO MOTIVATE,  
7 AND I QUOTE, "TO MOTIVATE AND ENCOURAGE THOSE DRIVING, WALKING  
8 AND/OR ENTERING THE AREA OF THE HOSPITAL TO STRIVE FOR A  
9 HEALTHIER FUTURE," END QUOTE. YOLONDA, YOU WILL WISH TO KNOW,  
10 IS A TEACHER, AUTHOR, PHILANTHROPIST, LIFE COACH, MOTHER, AND  
11 GRANDMOTHER. SHE REALIZES THAT MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH IS  
12 VITAL FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING TO PERFORM AT THEIR BEST. AND SO  
13 YOLONDA'S HUSBAND, WHO HAS ALSO SPENT THE PAST FEW YEARS,  
14 MONTHS, CAMPAIGNING WITH/FOR HIS WIFE WHO IS DUTIFULLY  
15 DOCUMENTING THIS, RON SIMMONS, WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.  
16 AND WE THANK BOTH OF YOU AND THE ENTIRE GROUP OF PERSONS WHO  
17 PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONTEST TO BRING FOCUS AND ATTENTION TO A  
18 HEALTHY WAY. AND SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE GIVE A WARM  
19 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MS. YOLONDA SIMMONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **YOLONDA SIMMONS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD, MY FAMILY AND MY  
22 FACEBOOK FRIENDS. WE NEED TO REALIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT  
23 SOCIAL MEDIA WORKS. IT DOESN'T MATTER YOUR AGE, YOUR CLASS. IF  
24 YOU HAVE EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA, YOU NEED TO GET ACTIVE TO  
25 COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO



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1   THANK THE OFFICE OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ALLOWING THE PEOPLE  
2   TO HAVE A VOICE. AND OUR VOICE VOTED FOR "HEALTHY WAY" AS A  
3   STREET NAME FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL. BECAUSE HEALTHY WAY, WHEN  
4   YOU'RE HEALTHY, SICKNESS CANNOT STICK. SO YOU NEED TO GET  
5   HEALTHY. WE WANT EVERYBODY TO COME INTO THE HOSPITAL TO SEE  
6   THE NAME HEALTHY WAY AND THINK ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL BECAUSE  
7   WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT IN OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE WILL  
8   MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
11   YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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13   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
14   IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO CALL UP A LONGTIME FRIEND, CYNTHIA MACHEN  
15   TO JOIN ME? YEAH, GO AHEAD. [APPLAUSE.] SHE STACKED THE  
16   AUDIENCE TODAY, I TELL YOU THAT RIGHT NOW. CYNTHIA STARTED HER  
17   COUNTY CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN 1973.  
18   SHE'S CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
19   [APPLAUSE.] YOU NOTICE SHE'S APPLAUDING. SHE SAYS, "I'M ALMOST  
20   THERE, I'M ALMOST THERE." THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD. SHE  
21   THEN MOVED DOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN 1978.  
22   SHE LATER WORKED FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN 1982. THEN MOVED  
23   OVER TO THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE IN 1985. AND AFTER THAT FOR THE  
24   NEXT 17 YEARS I HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR AND PLEASURE OF WORKING  
25   WITH HER AS CHIEF OF STAFF TO SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA AND THEN



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1 IN MY OFFICE, AS WELL, TOO. SHE'S CURRENTLY SECRETARY TO THE  
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
3 COORDINATION COMMITTEE UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SHE IS A MEMBER AND A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE  
5 COUNTY'S SECRETARIAL COUNCIL, A MEMBER AND PAST CHAIR OF THE  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION,  
7 AND IS A PROGRAM -- [APPLAUSE.] -- AND IS THE PROGRAM  
8 COORDINATOR FOR THE ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM HELD  
9 RIGHT IN THIS ROOM IN CELEBRATION EACH AND EVERY FEBRUARY. SHE  
10 HAS HER PLANS IMMEDIATELY ARE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HER  
11 THREE ADULT DAUGHTERS WHO ARE WITH HER TODAY, HER FAVORITE  
12 SON-IN-LAW. BOY, THAT'S A -- YEAH. [LAUGHTER.] I'M MY MOTHER-  
13 IN-LAW'S FAVORITE SON-IN-LAW TOO AND I'M THE ONLY ONE. SHE  
14 WANTS TO BE NANA TO HER FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. AND THAT OTHER  
15 IMPORTANT PART OF HER LIFE, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING AND  
16 ORGANIZING EVENTS IN HER SPARE TIME. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF  
17 AND THE COLLEAGUES UP HERE AND ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, CYNTHIA,  
18 WE JUST WANT TO WISH YOU GOD'S SPEED AND GOOD HEALTH,  
19 CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR 40 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE  
20 TO A GREAT COUNTY AND TO WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST IN YOUR  
21 RETIREMENT. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **CYNTHIA MACHEN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. TO SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
24 TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, TO OUR CHAIR, TO OUR  
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND C.E.O., TO ALL MY C.C.J.C.C. FAMILY AND





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1 MY FAMILY MEMBERS, TO MY CHEER SECTION OUT THERE. [APPLAUSE.]  
2 THIS IS A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE BECAUSE USUALLY I'M ON THE OTHER  
3 END. I'M USUALLY ORGANIZING AND PRESENTING TO SOMEONE ELSE. SO  
4 I AM VERY HUMBLLED. I'M THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR THE 40 YEARS  
5 I'VE SERVED WITH THE WONDERFUL RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
6 IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I'VE MET A LOT OF AMAZING  
7 PEOPLE AND HAD SOME WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES. SO I'M THANKFUL,  
8 ESPECIALLY FOR THIS MOMENT IN TIME. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY  
9 THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO  
15 RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR  
16 CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL  
17 CONTROL. THE ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT, SUPPORTS THE  
18 DEPARTMENTS THROUGH FUNDRAISING FOR SPAY AND NEUTERING  
19 PROGRAMS, ADOPTIONS PROGRAMS, ANIMAL WELFARE, AND PUBLIC  
20 EDUCATION. ONE OF THEIR SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS IS THE GROOMING  
21 GIVES HOPE. THIS PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL GROOMING SERVICES TO  
22 ANIMALS THAT ENTER THE DEPARTMENT'S ANIMAL CARE CENTERS IN  
23 POOR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, REMOVING THE PAINFUL MATTING AND  
24 TREATING UNDERLYING SKIN CONDITIONS MAKE THESE ANIMALS  
25 COMFORTABLE BUT ALSO LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED. THE FOUNDATION'S



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1 "DREAMS COME TRUE" FUND PAYS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL  
2 SERVICES TO SAVE THOSE LIVES OF SERIOUSLY ILL OR INJURED PETS  
3 AT OUR COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTERS. THE FOUNDATION RECENTLY  
4 RECEIVED A LIFE INSURANCE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$177,000  
5 FROM THE ESTATE OF MISS BEATRICE ATWOOD. THIS CONTRIBUTION  
6 ASSISTS THE FOUNDATION IN PROVIDING MORE THAN \$210,000 TOWARDS  
7 THE PURCHASE OF FOUR ANIMAL RESCUE TRANSPORTATION TRAILERS  
8 THAT WILL HELP THE DEPARTMENTS RESCUE AND TRANSPORT SMALL  
9 ANIMALS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. WE THANK THE L.A. COUNTY  
10 ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL  
11 CARE AND CONTROL, FOR ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
12 ANIMALS. AND TODAY MARCIA MAYEDA FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND JOHN  
13 GONZALEZ, L.A. COUNTY'S ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION, ARE HERE TO  
14 RECEIVE THIS PROCLAMATION.

15  
16 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION. THE  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS THE  
19 DEPARTMENT'S ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORTS THROUGH FUNDRAISING AND  
20 ASSIGNING REVENUE TO ASSIST WITH OUR EFFORTS TO REHOME AND  
21 SAVE MORE ANIMALS THAN WE COULD POSSIBLY DO WITHIN CURRENT  
22 ECONOMIC TIMES. SO IT'S A NONPROFIT FOUNDATION. PEOPLE CAN  
23 MAKE DONATIONS TO IT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF VERY GENEROUS DONORS  
24 THAT SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE  
25 FOUNDATION AT L.A. COUNTY ANIMALS.ORG AND IT TALKS ABOUT ALL



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1 THE PROGRAMS YOU HEARD TODAY. AND WE AGAIN ARE ALSO VERY  
2 GRATEFUL TO MRS. BEATRICE ATWOOD WHO RECENTLY LEFT A LIFE  
3 INSURANCE BEQUEST TO THE FOUNDATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **JOHN GONZALEZ:** ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THIS  
6 BEAUTIFUL CERTIFICATE. THE FOUNDATION ACTUALLY BEGAN BACK IN  
7 1983. BUT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MARCIA MAYEDA, WE HAVE  
8 REALLY PROGRESSED QUITE A LOT IN THE LAST 10 TO 12 YEARS. WE  
9 SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL FOUNDATION AND WE ASK  
10 THAT YOU GUYS ALWAYS KEEP THE FOUNDATION A HIGH PRIORITY. OUR  
11 STAFF NEEDS TO HAVE AS MUCH CONSIDERATION AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN  
12 AT ALL TIMES. WE ALSO PROUDLY ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF NOT  
13 ONLY THE DOZENS AND DOZENS OF STAFF PEOPLE, BUT THE VOLUNTEERS  
14 THAT COME AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE  
15 FOUNDATION. THEY TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARING FOR  
16 LITERALLY THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS AND SOMETIMES  
17 THEY DON'T GET THE CREDIT THAT THEY DESERVE. SO WE ENCOURAGE  
18 YOU GUYS TO SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE  
19 DEPARTMENT AND OF COURSE THEIR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS, AS WELL.  
20 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

21

22 **LAURENE WESTE:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
23 SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH FOR HIS ONGOING CONTINUED  
24 SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION. IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST ANIMAL  
25 CARE DEPARTMENTS IN THE WORLD. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR



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1 THE FOUNDATION. WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION, YOU SUPPORT  
2 THE COUNTY SHELTERS. YOU HELP PREVENT THOUSANDS OF NEEDLESS  
3 DEATHS AND PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. IT'S REALLY IMPERATIVE  
4 THAT WE ALL HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, AND THAT'S  
5 THE LITTLE FURRY CREATURES IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU LADIES  
6 AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAURENE IS ALSO THE VICE MAYOR FOR THE CITY  
9 OF SANTA CLARITA, SO WE APPRECIATE THAT. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO  
10 RECOGNIZE JULIANA SANTOS, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AFTER 23 YEARS  
11 OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF  
12 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. [APPLAUSE.] WE SEE HER EVERY MORNING AS WE  
13 TAKE THE ELEVATOR UP TO OUR OFFICES. WITH A BIG SMILE SHE  
14 GREETES EVERYONE. AFTER RECEIVING HER CERTIFICATE IN CIVIL  
15 LITIGATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST LOS ANGELES, SHE WORKED  
16 BRIEFLY AS A PARALEGAL PRIOR TO HER ACCEPTANCE WITH THE  
17 DEPARTMENT. AS A MEDIATOR, SHE HELPED RESOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN  
18 PARTIES WITHOUT GOING TO COURT. AS AN ADVISER, SHE HELPED  
19 SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS IN COURT PROCEDURES FROM FILING  
20 CASES TO ENFORCING JUDGMENTS. TO OVER 40,000 LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, SHE'S HELPED, SHE HAS BEEN  
22 REMEMBERED FOR HER COMPASSION AND HER ENTHUSIASM AND  
23 DEDICATION. HER FATHER, DR. SANTOS, WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF  
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FILIPINO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AND HE  
25 INSPIRED HER TO DEVOTE HERSELF TO COUNTY SERVICE. SO SHE'S



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1 JOINED TODAY BY HER CHILDREN. AND WE JUST WANT TO THANK HER  
2 FOR A WONDERFUL 23 YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH YOU CONTINUED  
3 SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **JULIANA SANTOS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I AM HERE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND I ACCEPT THIS  
7 RECOGNITION. NOT FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR THE DEPARTMENT. OUR TEAM  
8 IS REALLY A GREAT TEAM TO WORK FOR. LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I THANK  
9 YOU, LORD, THAT YOU HAVE PLACED ME AT THIS TIME, THIS PLACE. I  
10 INTRODUCE TO YOU MY FAMILY, MY DAUGHTER MAHALIA, JULIE, MY  
11 GRANDCHILDREN, CELESTE AND RUSSELL, MY FRIEND, TED, MY SON-IN-  
12 LAW BRIAN GAGEHENA, MY SISTER FROM OUR CHURCH, MISS HONG  
13 MAYAS, MY GREAT LEADER HERE, MR. TIM BISSELL. SIR. I LIFT YOU  
14 ALL UP, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO OUR LORD THAT HE WOULD  
15 CONTINUE TO GIVE US EYES THAT WILL SEE BEYOND WHAT IS  
16 PERCEIVED BY THE HUMAN SENSES, THAT HE WILL GIVE US EARS THAT  
17 WOULD HEAR THE PAINS AROUND US AND MOST OF ALL THAT HE WILL  
18 GIVE US HEARTS THAT WILL LOVE AND SERVE OUR COUNTRYMEN. LORD  
19 GOD, I THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES. AND GOD BLESS LOS ANGELES IN JESUS NAME I PRAY,  
21 AMEN. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, I  
24 REALLY WANT TO THANK JULIANA FOR HER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE. YOU  
25 KNOW, THE DEPARTMENT COUNSELS MORE THAN 300,000 INDIVIDUALS



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1 EACH YEAR, AND JULIANA HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF THAT WITH TENS  
2 OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT SHE'S HELPED OVER THE YEARS, THAT  
3 SHE'S SERVED. JULIANA HAS GREAT COMPASSION, SHE HAS GREAT  
4 HEART, SHE REALLY CARES. AND EVERYONE WHO SHE HELPED REALLY  
5 FELT THAT LOVE AND REALLY FELT THAT CARING AND REALLY FELT  
6 THAT CONNECTION. SO WE ARE REALLY GOING TO MISS JULIANA, SHE  
7 HAS DONE AN EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD JOB. SHE IS NOT QUITTING TO  
8 GO REST. SHE IS ON TO ANOTHER CALLING IN LIFE. SHE IS GOING TO  
9 CONTINUE TO SERVE. JULIANA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE  
10 TO THE DEPARTMENT. WE WISH YOU JUST THE BEST OF HEALTH AND  
11 SUCCESS. YOU'RE ALWAYS PART OF OUR D.C.A. FAMILY. YOU'RE  
12 ALWAYS A PART OF US. THANK YOU, JULIANA.

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14 **JULIANA SANTOS:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A VERY WONDERFUL  
17 ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THAT'S FIVE  
18 ACRES. THEY'VE BEEN ESTABLISHED BACK IN 1888 AS ONE OF THE  
19 FIRST ORPHANAGES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY IT'S THE OLDEST  
20 NONSECTARIAN AGENCY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THEY PROMOTE  
21 SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR  
22 FAMILIES BY BUILDING ON THEIR STRENGTHS AND EMPOWERING THEM  
23 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. FIVE ACRE PROVIDES A NUMBER OF  
24 SERVICES, ALONG WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO ABUSED,  
25 NEGLECTED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN. THEY ALSO PROVIDE





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1 THERAPEUTIC AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE FOUR SITES ARE IN  
2 ALTADENA, PASADENA, SAN DIMAS AND EL MONTE. AND AS I CONTINUE,  
3 THEY PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS. THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
4 PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES CARE TO CHILDREN -- 74 CHILDREN  
5 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6 AND 18 WHO SUFFER FROM SEVERE EMOTIONAL  
6 DISTURBANCES. THE THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL, WHICH EDUCATION CHILDREN  
7 K-10 AND WHO HAVE SERIOUS EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR AND LEARNING  
8 DISORDERS, AND THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM WHICH HELPS  
9 EMANCIPATED YOUTH MAKE THE DIFFICULT TRANSITION TO  
10 INDEPENDENCE AND ADULthood. SO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH,  
11 GRACE CENTERS, OFFERS EMERGENCY CENTERS AND SUPPORTIVE  
12 SERVICES TO THOSE VICTIMS. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM  
13 VERY, VERY MUCH FOR A GREAT JOB WELL DONE. AND HAPPY 125TH  
14 ANNIVERSARY. LOOK, SHE DOESN'T LOOK A DAY OVER 20. [LAUGHTER.]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. SO AS ONE OF THE OLDEST  
17 NONPROFITS IN CALIFORNIA, FIVE ACRES WAS AN ORPHANAGE IN 1888  
18 SERVING 45 CHILDREN. TODAY, WE SERVE ABOUT 4500 CHILDREN AND  
19 FAMILIES A YEAR. WE ARE ONE OF THE ONLY NONPROFITS WHO STILL  
20 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER  
21 THE AGE OF NINE. WE HAVE ONE OF THE ONLY COMMUNITY-BASED DEAF  
22 SERVICES PROGRAM IN L.A. COUNTY AND WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST  
23 SUCCESSFUL PILOTS OF PERMANENCY, A PERMANENCY PILOT  
24 RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN ALL OF  
25 CALIFORNIA. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR WORK. THE BIG



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1 DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW I THINK FOR FIVE ACRES IS THAT WE DO MAKE  
2 AN IMPACT. SO WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO FIND A SIX-YEAR-OLD A SAFE,  
3 LOVING AND PERMANENT FAMILY, WE'VE MADE AN IMPACT. WHEN WE ARE  
4 ABLE TO GIVE FAMILIES THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS TO STAY  
5 TOGETHER, WE MAKE AN IMPACT. WHEN I GET A CALL FROM ONE OF OUR  
6 OLDEST CLIENTS, WHO IS 93 YEARS OLD, LIVING IN THE SAN  
7 FERNANDO VALLEY, AND I HEAR THAT HE HAS A CHANCE TO BE ABLE TO  
8 BECOME A PARENT HIMSELF AND A GRANDPARENT AND LIVE A LONG  
9 HAPPY LIFE, I KNOW THAT WE'VE MADE AN IMPACT. SO I THANK YOU  
10 GUYS TODAY. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE 125 YEARS OLD. AND OF  
11 COURSE WE CAN'T BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT A GREAT GROUP OF  
12 SUPPORTERS. FROM MY STAFF, MY VOLUNTEERS, MY BOARD,  
13 ANTONOVICH, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO I THANK EVERYONE  
14 FOR RECOGNIZING US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE FOUR-MONTH OLD LITTLE  
17 GIRL, MAYA, A DOXIE, WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S A VERY  
18 QUIET LITTLE GIRL. ANYWAY, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 AND YOU  
19 CAN ADOPT LITTLE. MAYA. MAYA, AS I ALWAYS SAY, HAS A LOT OF  
20 FRIENDS AND COUSINS THAT ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR HOMES. SO YOU  
21 CAN CALL, AGAIN, 562-728-4610. SHE MATCHES YOU TODAY, SACHI.  
22 LOOK, SAME COLOR, HUH? NICE COMBINATION, HUH? LITTLE TOO  
23 SMALL? OKAY.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
2   ANTONOVICH. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED WITH THE  
3   AGENDA.

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5   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE ABOUT 30  
6   MINUTES BEFORE THE SET ITEM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS  
7   WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR VARIOUS ITEMS IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL  
8   THEM UP.

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IN THIS ORDER, ERIC  
11   PREVEN, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, RUBEN SOTO,  
12   ARNOLD SACHS.

13

14   **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, THE  
15   COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IT IS VERY NICE TO SEE A  
16   ROOMFUL OF INDIVIDUALS HERE. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE SOME  
17   INTERESTS AND THEY ARE BEING LOOKED AFTER. AND WE DO SUPPORT  
18   THE PUBLIC COMING DOWN TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD. GOOD  
19   MORNING, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HOW ARE YOU? SIR? PERSONAL  
20   SPACE ISSUE BUT I'M FINE. SUPERVISOR, WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT  
21   THE BIENNIAL FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER FRAUD REPORT HAS BEEN  
22   POSTED AT THE BOARD CORRESPONDENCE WEBSITE. WE ARE A LITTLE  
23   CONCERNED THAT THERE'S BEEN A 10 PERCENT INCREASE. AND I WAS  
24   WONDERING IF WE COULD GET THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO IDENTIFY  
25   WHETHER OR NOT THE ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ISSUE THAT WAS



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1 BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY SO-CAL CONNECTED WAS INCLUDED IN  
2 THAT PARTICULAR VETTING SINCE IT DID TAKE PLACE IN THAT  
3 PERIOD? WE'RE NOT SURE ABOUT THAT. ITEM NO. 18 LAST WEEK WAS  
4 AN ITEM WHICH HAD A LOT OF BUDGETARY MANEUVERS, ONE OF WHICH  
5 WAS ABOUT \$393,000 FROM THE PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES BUDGET  
6 TO THE MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET. AND THIS IS IN  
7 CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL.  
8 NOW I'M GOING TO TRY TO CALM BECAUSE THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC  
9 HALL WAS INITIATED IN 2006. IT IS NOW 2013. IT IS NOT OPEN. IT  
10 HAS BEEN PROMISED AND PROMISED AND PROMISED. THE BUDGET IS \$48  
11 MILLION. AND THE REASON WHY I BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION IS  
12 THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
13 OVERSEEING A LARGE SUM OF MONEY WITHOUT PROPER PUBLIC  
14 OVERSIGHT AND INSPECTION. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR A TEN  
15 STORY BUILDING THAT IS STILL NOT COMPLETE. AND I'M HOPEFUL  
16 THAT WE'LL BE PROVIDING SERVICES TO VETERANS AS OPPOSED TO  
17 JUST OFFICE SPACE FOR VARIOUS CHARACTERS. IT'S A VERY  
18 IMPORTANT ISSUE AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD IS PLANNING TO TAKE  
19 IT SERIOUSLY. BY THE WAY, THE FRAUD REPORT HAD 144, I KID YOU  
20 NOT, SUBSTANTIATED CASES OF FRAUD. NOW IT IS A BIG COUNTY BUT  
21 THOSE NUMBERS ARE NOT GOOD. THAT'S A 27 PERCENT OF THE  
22 FINDINGS WERE VALIDATED. SO THAT'S WORRISOME. SINCE YOU'RE NOT  
23 GOING TO LET ME COME BACK ON ITEM 1-D, I GUESS I'LL BRING THAT  
24 UP. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WELL, I'M LOOKING FOR A BETTER  
25 UNDERSTANDING OF SOFT DEVELOPMENT COSTS BECAUSE I MUST TELL



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1 YOU IT'S NOT JUST ON THIS ITEM BUT IN OTHER ITEMS THAT COME  
2 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WHERE A RESIDENT WHO  
3 TAKES A MOMENT TO LOOK AT IT CAN SEE THAT MONEY IS BEING TAKEN  
4 OUT OF THESE FUNDS AND PUT INTO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND THAT  
5 IS WORRISOME BECAUSE THE MONEY IS SUPPOSED TO GO, AS WE SAY IN  
6 THE TELEVISION BUSINESS, ON THE SCREEN, TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO  
7 ARE IN NEED OF LOW INCOME HOUSING. WE SAW LAST WEEK, THEY HAD  
8 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP DOWN HERE. VERY IMPORTANT. ITEM  
9 8, SIR, I'LL ADDRESS YOU, I GUESS. WELL NO, THAT'S SUPERVISOR  
10 YAROSLAVSKY'S REAL ESTATE COMMISSION. THE REAL ESTATE  
11 COMMISSION IS GOING TO MEET NON-QUORUM BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY  
12 TWO GUYS SITTING AT THE MOMENT. WE NEED A FULL DECK ON THESE  
13 THINGS IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE MEANINGFUL. I DON'T THINK THAT  
14 ONE IS MEANINGFUL. THEY DON'T EVEN OVERSEE THE MARINA AND  
15 THAT'S ITEM NO. 8. SIR, THE ONE THAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT  
16 WAS ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REDO SOME REAL --  
17 MOVE AROUND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES POSSIBLY OUT OF THIS  
18 BUILDING. LET'S GET THE A.E.C.O.M.--

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY.

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23 **ERIC PREVEN:** REPORT ON THE FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES  
24 FIRST. THEN LET'S MAKE THESE DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
4    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 5, I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO  
5    LOOK WHERE SOME OF THE OFFICES ARE PLACED BECAUSE THE  
6    COMMISSION ON HIV IS ON WILSHIRE BOULEVARD IN A WONDERFUL  
7    FANCY BUILDING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING THERE. IT  
8    WOULD BE NICE TO LOOK AT IT. ON ITEM 19 ON THE BACKGROUND  
9    CHECK, I COULD NOT BELIEVE MY EYES ON ITEM 5. IT SAYS  
10   "DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL TO EVALUATE  
11   AND RESOLVE ALL REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE CRIMINAL  
12   BACKGROUND CHECK." WHY ANYBODY WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE  
13   BACKGROUND CHECK? I WOULD REALLY LOVE TO SEE THOSE CRITERIA  
14   BECAUSE IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. I GUESS YOU'RE A CRIMINAL AND YOU  
15   DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO KNOW ABOUT IT. BUT, ANYWAY, THAT'S  
16   VERY CONCERNING TO ME. ON ITEM 38 AND 46, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT  
17   AN AMOUNT OF OVER \$12 MILLION. AND I'M SURE YOU WILL REMEMBER  
18   FOR THE LAST FIVE, SIX, SEVEN YEARS I HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE  
19   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
20   DEPARTMENT UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT WHAT PROGRAM  
21   YOU HAD, WHAT SOFTWARE YOU HAD, WHAT HARDWARE YOU HAD, AND WE  
22   STILL DON'T KNOW. AND IT SEEMED VERY EXPENSIVE TO PAY. AND YOU  
23   MENTIONED, REALLY, THAT TIME YOU SAID OFF THE SHELF SOFTWARE.  
24   WELL, COMMENCEMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL OFF THE SHELF SOFTWARE,  
25   12 MILLION IS REALLY, REALLY STEEP. I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE





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1 GETTING YOUR BIDS -- BUT THAT'S ENORMOUS. YOU KNOW, YOU  
2 MENTIONED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SO ON, BUT THERE'S DEFINITELY  
3 SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT PICTURE. THAT WE NEED THAT PROGRAM?  
4 YES, WE DO. IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE HAVE  
5 NONE OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS, NONE OF THEIR SOFTWARE, NONE OF  
6 THEIR COMPUTERS TALK TO EACH OTHER. THIS IS CRIMINAL. AND I  
7 THINK A LOT OF THE PROBLEM AT THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SO  
8 ON COULD BE SOLVED IF YOU HAD QUALITY SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER  
9 AND PEOPLE WOULD KNOW HOW TO USE IT. THIS HAS TO STOP. AND FOR  
10 THE PUBLIC NOT TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION FROM  
11 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR YEARS IS ASININE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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17 **RUBEN SOTO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RUBEN SOTO  
18 I'M FROM S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, THE RESEARCH AND POLICY  
19 DEPARTMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 19 TODAY. THIS UNIT SUPPORTS  
20 A WELL QUALIFIED WORKFORCE. THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE  
21 PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC'S RESOURCES MUST BE A PRIORITY. IN  
22 GENERAL, THE UNION DOES NOT OPPOSE BACKGROUND CHECKS TO ENSURE  
23 A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TODAY,  
24 HOWEVER, GO A BIT TOO FAR AND ARE LACKING IN WORKER  
25 PROTECTIONS. THE UNION OBJECTS TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF ALL



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1 100,000 POSITIONS IN L.A. COUNTY AS SENSITIVE. THIS NEGLIGENT  
2 DEFINITION MERELY OPENS THE DOOR FOR UNCERTAINTY AND  
3 DISCONCERTION AMONG YOUR EMPLOYEES. THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE  
4 NEVER BEEN LIFE SCANNED AND WOULD NOW BE ASKED TO HAVE SERVED  
5 THIS COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS FOR 15 YEARS, AT LEAST 15 YEARS.  
6 DISAPPOINTINGLY, D.H.R. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAS NOT  
7 IDENTIFIED THE SENSITIVE CATEGORY FOR THESE POSITIONS. HOW  
8 COULD AN ADEQUATE REVIEW BE PERFORMED IF THE CATEGORY  
9 SENSITIVITY HAS NOT EVEN BEEN ASSIGNED? AGAIN, FOR THE TRULY  
10 SENSITIVE POSITIONS, SUCH AS DIRECT CARE OR OVERSIGHT OF  
11 OTHERS, WE BELIEVE THE EMPLOYEE'S BACKGROUND SHOULD BE  
12 COMPATIBLE WITH THE WORK. THIS BROAD DEFINITION, HOWEVER,  
13 OVERSTEPS. SECONDLY, THE UNION HAS SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS WITH  
14 PROPOSAL NO. 6. THIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO  
15 SELF-REPORT ARRESTS EVEN WITHOUT A CONVICTION. THIS SETS UP AN  
16 ALTERNATE AND SUPERFLUOUS LEGAL PROCESS. THE EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE  
17 ALL CHARGES DISMISSED BY THE COURTS, BUT THE COUNTY HAS AN  
18 OPPORTUNITY TO ASSERT ITS OWN PSEUDO-JUDICIAL AUTHORITY OVER  
19 EMPLOYMENT. THIS ALLOWS FOR A LEVEL OF BURDEN OF PROOF  
20 SEPARATE FROM THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM. THE WORKER MUST NOW DEFEND  
21 HERSELF TWICE AGAINST THE SAME CHARGES. IN ADDITION, THE  
22 COUNTY APPEARS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CIVIL SERVICE RULE  
23 H.N.O. 2 IN WAYS COUNTER TO ITS SPIRIT. THIS RULE WAS INTENDED  
24 FOR ON-THE-JOB INVESTIGATIONS, NOT INFORMATION THAT ARISES  
25 FROM FISHING EXPEDITIONS OF SELF-REPORT. FINALLY FOR WORKERS



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1 IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT CURRENTLY HAVE A SELF-REPORTING  
2 REQUIREMENT, WE REQUEST THAT A GRACE PERIOD BE EXTENDED TO  
3 ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO SELF-REPORT SHOULD THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN TO  
4 DO SO PRIOR TO THE LIVE SCAN. S.E.I.U. 721 WILL ABLY DEFEND  
5 ITS WORKERS AGAINST ABUSES OF ANY EXPANSION OF THE SYSTEM. WE  
6 ENCOURAGE AN OPEN DIALOG TO AVOID A WAVE OF CHALLENGES TO  
7 IMPOSED DISCIPLINE OR NEXUS DETERMINATIONS. WE MUST HAVE A  
8 SAFE WORKFORCE. BUT AS IMPORTANT A WORKFORCE THAT IS VALUED  
9 AND RESPECTED. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12 NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. AND THE FINAL SPEAKER WILL BE SARAH.

13

14 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. THIS IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. WE  
15 APPROVE THE SERVICES OF WE TIP INC. TO PROVIDE WELFARE FRAUD  
16 REPORTING SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE, WE DEMAND THAT YOU -- WE DEMAND  
17 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES BE FIRED AND  
18 ARRESTED FOR CONTRIBUTING AND PERPETUATING WELFARE FRAUD BY  
19 THESE CRIMINAL LEECHES AND SCAVENGERS AND THEY ARE THE  
20 FOLLOWING FREE LOADERS, ALL LATINO CRIMINAL ILLEGAL FELONS OR  
21 ALIENS, ALL LATINO STREET VIOLENT GANG BANGERS, ALL UMBILICAL  
22 CORD CHONGOS AND OR ANCHOR BABIES. FOUR, AND YOUR CRIMINAL  
23 ILLEGAL PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN  
24 GIVEN ILLEGAL, EXCUSE ME, WHO HAVE GIVEN ILLEGAL AND  
25 UNWARRANTED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED



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1 CRIMINAL ILLEGALS. AND THESE COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN'T EVEN SPEAK  
2 ENGLISH AND THEY EXERCISE RECKLESS DISREGARD TO ALL HOMELESS  
3 MILITARY VETERANS AND FURLOUGHED PILOTS ALONG WITH LEGAL LAW  
4 AMERICAN CITIZENS. YOUR HIRING PRACTICES ARE DEPLORABLE. HAD  
5 THE COUNTY PERSONNEL DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES DONE  
6 THEIR AMERICAN JOB BY FIRST AND FOREMOST HIRING MILITARY  
7 VETERANS OR FURLOUGHED PILOTS OR ALL LEGAL LAW-ABIDING  
8 AMERICAN CITIZENS, WE WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINING ALL THESE OVER  
9 11 MILLION CRIMINAL ILLEGALS AND THUS WE WOULD HAVE A  
10 FINANCIAL SURPLUS, NOT A DEFICIT. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULDN'T  
11 HAVE HOMELESS OR CHRONICALLY IMPOVERISHED UNITED STATES  
12 MILITARY VETERANS OR PILOTS LIVING AT THE L.A.X. TRAILERS AND  
13 THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES. LET ME BEGIN BY REPORTING THE TIP  
14 FOR WELFARE FRAUD. THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING. START  
15 WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL ALL GANG BANGERS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AT  
16 MIGUEL CONTRERAS WHICH IS NEAR THIRD AND LUCAS. 245 SOUTH  
17 LUCAS AVENUE, APARTMENTS 107, 109, 211, 202, 218, 311, 414 AND  
18 LICENSE PLATE NO. B AS IN BOY Y AS IN YELLOW H AS IN HARRY  
19 581. I MISSED A NUMBER THERE. AND NEXT 265 SOUTH LUCAS AVENUE,  
20 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90026. NEXT, 275 SOUTH LUCAS AVENUE,  
21 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90026. NEXT, 1345 EMERALD DRIVE, LOS  
22 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90026. AND AGAIN ALL THESE APARTMENT  
23 BUILDINGS ARE CRAWLING WITH ILLEGALS AND GANG BANGERS. AND  
24 THEY'RE ALL ON WELFARE. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? AND LOOK AT THE  
25 STREETS, SKID ROW AND LOOK AT EVERY CORNER. YOU WILL SEE



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1 AMERICAN MILITARY VETERANS HOMELESS. THAT IS ATROCIOUS. HAVE  
2 YOU NO HEART? THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING AND LOST EVERYTHING.  
3 HOW DARE YOU. AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] MR. SACHS, PLEASE.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES SIR. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.  
10 I HELD ITEM THE 2-D, AGAIN, IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE ITEMS, THE  
11 C.D.B.G. GRANT FUNDS, AND I KNOW THAT THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
12 MONTHS YOU'LL BE DISCUSSING THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR AND ROLLOVER  
13 AMOUNTS. SO I WAS WONDERING, BECAUSE MARCH 12TH YOU HAD AN  
14 ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA REGARDING THE STENTORIAN FIRE FIGHTING  
15 ACADEMY. AND ANY OF THAT EXCESS C.D.B.G. FUNDS COULD BE USED  
16 FOR THAT, CREATING THAT PROCESS AND MOVING THAT PROCESS ALONG  
17 TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED. I HELD ITEM NO. 2, IT  
18 DEALS WITH RESERVATION FEES FOR THE CITY OF TERRACE PARK. AND  
19 I BELIEVE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, THERE WAS A STORY ABOUT SOME  
20 SOCCER FIELDS IN EAST L.A. BEING CLOSED OFF TO THE PUBLIC  
21 BECAUSE OF A GANG INCIDENT THERE. SO I WAS WONDERING IF THAT  
22 INCIDENT HAS BEEN SETTLED WHERE THE PLAYING FIELDS IN EAST  
23 L.A. ARE NOW OPEN AGAIN TO THE PUBLIC. I HELD ITEM NO. 3. IT'S  
24 THE NATIONAL CONCRETE CANOE COMPETITION. I WAS WONDERING IF  
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ENTERED INTO CONCRETE SHOE



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1 COMPETITION. DO YOU STILL BELIEVE YOU CAN WALK ABOVE WATER  
2 WITH CONCRETE SHOES? I HELD ITEM NO. 10. IT SAYS THE SAFE  
3 COMMUNITIES WEEK. AND IN A SENSE IT GOES BACK TO MY PREVIOUS  
4 COMMENTS ABOUT THE CONCRETE SHOE COMPETITION. HOW SAFE DO YOU  
5 BELIEVE YOU ARE WITH THE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE SEATED RIGHT NOW?  
6 HERE'S AN OPTION -- HERE'S AN ITEM THAT JUST TOOK PLACE IN THE  
7 CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. MARCH 6, 2013, BERNARD PARKS MADE A  
8 MOTION ASKING FOR \$40 MILLION IN UNALLOCATED MEASURE R FUNDS  
9 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND STATION AT LEIMERT PARK  
10 AS PART OF METRO'S CRENSHAW L.A.X. LIGHT RAIL LINE. WELL THE  
11 CITY COUNCIL DOESN'T HAVE ANY ACCESS TO MEASURE R FUNDS. IT  
12 HAS ACCESS TO LOCAL RETURN MEASURE R FUNDS. SO HOW THIS  
13 COUNCILMAN, WHO SAT ON CITY COUNCIL FOR 12 YEARS, COULD COME  
14 UP WITH A MOTION IDENTIFYING \$40 MILLION IN UNALLOCATED  
15 MEASURE R FUNDS IS BEYOND ME. DO YOU FEEL SAFE KNOWING THAT  
16 HE'S MAKING THOSE KINDS OF MOTIONS? AND WHAT OTHER KIND OF  
17 STUPIDITY IS HE INVOLVED IN? I DON'T KNOW. BUT I'VE HEARD LOTS  
18 OF MEETINGS. I'VE HELD ITEMS 45 AND 8. THEY DEAL WITH THE REAL  
19 ESTATE MANAGEMENT. AND I WAS WONDERING: PEOPLE SHOULD BE  
20 AWARE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE LOSS OF C.D.B.G. FUNDS, THE  
21 LOOPHOLES IN PROP 13 THAT BUSINESSES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AND THE  
22 FACT THAT PROPERTY VALUE AND PROPERTY TAX ARE TWO DIFFERENT  
23 ANIMALS. AND YOU MAY BE PAYING MORE PROPERTY TAX BECAUSE YOUR  
24 PROPERTY VALUE GOES UP. BUT A LOCATION LIKE STAPLES CENTER'S,  
25 THEIR PROPERTY VALUE GOES UP, BUT THEIR PROPERTY TAX HASN'T





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1 RISEN. SO THEY GET MORE SERVICES FOR LESS PROPERTY TAX RATIO  
2 WISE THAN YOU DO IN YOUR OWN HOME. BE AWARE OF THAT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
5 MR. SACHS. FINAL SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **SARAH JAKLE:** YES, I'M SPEAKING ON LAURA'S LAW. MY NAME IS  
8 SARAH JAKLE AND I'M A MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER WITH SEVERE RAPID  
9 CYCLING MIXED-STATE BIPOLAR DISORDER. WHEN I WAS FIRST  
10 DIAGNOSED, I WAS SO SICK THAT I WAS UNABLE TO TAKE MY  
11 MEDICATIONS AS DIRECTED. SO I SPIRALED DOWN INTO A MALEVOLENT  
12 LIVING HELL FROM WHICH I FELT HELPLESS TO ESCAPE. BUT PEOPLE  
13 WHO CARED ABOUT ME INTERVENED. AND I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL  
14 TO THEM FOR DOING SO. MY PARENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
15 HOSPITALIZED ME THREE TIMES, ALLOWING ME TO STABILIZE AND GET  
16 A HANDLE ON MY MEDICATIONS. FROM THERE, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN TO  
17 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MY TREATMENT AND ACTUALLY TAKE MY  
18 MEDICATIONS AS PRESCRIBED. I BECAME ENGAGED WITH THE MENTAL  
19 HEALTH SYSTEM AND MY TREATMENT. I CAN TELL YOU CATEGORICALLY  
20 THAT IF SOMEONE HAD NOT INTERVENED WITH ME AND COMPELLED ME TO  
21 ACCEPT ESSENTIAL TREATMENT WHEN I NEEDED IT, AS WITH LAURA'S  
22 LAW, I WOULD NOW BE HOMELESS, ON THE STREET, AT RISK OF BEING  
23 RAPED AND VICTIMIZED. OR I WOULD BE DEAD. I AM PROUD TO SAY  
24 THAT SINCE RECEIVING INTERVENTION, I HAVE WORKED FOR 10 YEARS  
25 WITH THE HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS, GOTTEN TWO



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1 MASTER'S DEGREES IN SOCIAL WORK AND PUBLIC POLICY, AM  
2 CURRENTLY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR  
3 THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS FOR WEST SIDE LOS  
4 ANGELES, MARRIED THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD LAST  
5 SEPTEMBER, AND ABOVE ALL I AM HAPPY. THAT IS A WORD THAT WOULD  
6 HAVE NEVER COME OUT OF MY MOUTH WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION I  
7 RECEIVED. HOWEVER, I LOST SEVEN YEARS OF MY LIFE BECAUSE UNDER  
8 THE LAW, I HAD TO COMPLETELY SELF-DESTRUCT BEFORE ANYONE COULD  
9 HELP ME. AND I CAN TELL YOU, HAVING BEEN THERE, THAT IT WAS A  
10 VERY DARK WASTELAND TO WHICH I WAS CONDEMNED. IT IS NOT RIGHT.  
11 IT IS NOT SAFE. AND IT IS NOT HUMANE THAT PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS  
12 MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD HAVE TO ENDURE THE INDESCRIBABLE HORRORS  
13 I ENDURED BEFORE ANYONE CAN HELP THEM, WHICH IS WHY WE NEED  
14 LAURA'S LAW. LAURA'S LAW ALLOWS MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS TO  
15 RECEIVE HELP BEFORE THEIR MINDS AND LIVES LIE IN SHARDS ON THE  
16 GROUND. YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY A MOTION TO SUPPORT  
17 FIVE BILLS STRENGTHENING LAURA'S LAW. AND I ASK YOU WITH ALL  
18 MY HEART AND ALL OF MY HARD-WON SANITY TO DO SO. THIS IS OUR  
19 MOMENT. THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS  
20 OF CONSUMERS WHO CURRENTLY LIVE IN IGNOMINY, TERROR AND FILTH.  
21 THIS IS OUR MOMENT. NOW WE MUST SEIZE IT. THANK YOU.

22 [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2 TESTIMONY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK THAT CLOSES THE  
3 SESSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THOSE ITEMS. THEY ARE BEFORE US.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
6 YOU. ITEM NO. 1-D, 2-D, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19,  
7 22, 24, 27, 31, 38 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, .

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WISHES TO  
10 HOLD 6, HE HAS A QUESTION.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 6 WILL BE HELD. 31 IS  
13 BEFORE YOU. 38 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. 45 IS BEFORE YOU.  
14 46-A AND 46-C IS BEING CONTINUED ONE WEEK. SO THOSE ITEMS ARE  
15 BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
18 MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A  
19 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
2    OFFICER, MR. FUJIOKA, ON NO. 6, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO HANDLE THE  
3    TASK CALLED FOR IN THE MOTION?

4

5    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** 6?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO I HAVE THE WRONG ONE?

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CALIFORNIA D.C.F.S.?

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11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN NO. 5.

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13    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO. 6.

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15    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 6 NEEDS TO BE APPROVED.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT.

18

19    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED. SECONDED BY  
20    KNABE. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 6.

21

22    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ITEM 5 RECONSIDERATION?

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO MOVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

2

3    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US NOW.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA?

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOUGHT I'D GET YOU THERE, BILL. I TRIED TO  
8    CATCH YOU.

9

10    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. 6, I WAS GOING TO TURN TO PHILIP AND ASK  
11    HIM WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO WITH THAT ONE.

12

13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO CALL A  
14    PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE HERE. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

15

16    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LAST TIME. WITH RESPECT TO 5, I UNDERSTAND THE  
17    NEED TO LOOK AT OUR SPACE STANDARDS AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
18    ESPECIALLY SITING OUR DEPARTMENTS AND OUR MANY FUNCTIONS  
19    THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS TO, WE CAN WORK  
20    WITH ALL OFFICES, ESPECIALLY THE MAKER OF THIS MOTION, TO  
21    DEVELOP AN R.F.I. SO THAT I CAN FIND OUT, GET PROPOSALS FROM  
22    VARIOUS QUALIFIED ENTITIES TO SEE HOW THEY WOULD APPROACH THIS  
23    TASK. I WOULD THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THOSE PROPOSALS  
24    FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A FINAL CONTRACT TO ACTUALLY  
25    DO THE WORK BEFORE WE COMMENCE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO, BECAUSE



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1 THIS IS A VERY, VERY COMPREHENSIVE MOTION AND REQUEST TO GO  
2 THROUGH THAT PROCESS FIRST. AND THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU FOR  
3 YOUR APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WOULD MOVE THAT PROCESS GOING  
6 FORWARD ON THIS, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE MAKER OF THE  
7 MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE MR. FUJIOKA'S COMMENTS AS AN  
12 AMENDMENT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN CAN WE RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THAT STUDY  
18 THAT WAS DONE A COUPLE YEARS AGO SO ALL THE SUPERVISORS COULD  
19 REVIEW THAT?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE'LL LOOK AT  
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE US A COPY.

25





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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OH ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL GET IT FOR YOU. WE WILL  
2   ALSO INCORPORATE THAT INFORMATION.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE CAN ALL SEE WHAT PREVIOUS REPORT SAID.

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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8   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. I WANT  
9   TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BEFORE YOU GO THROUGH ALL THAT  
10   EFFORT. IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE GOING TO DO IT. AND I'M  
11   NOT SURE YET UNTIL I HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING HOW WE WOULD  
12   UTILIZE THAT INFORMATION, WHICH IS NOT CLEAR IN THIS.

13

14   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INFORMATION FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT?

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** OR THE FUTURE REPORT. IN OTHER WORDS, I KNOW WE  
17   DID A REPORT AND I KNOW WE SHELVED IT. WE DIDN'T USE IT. SO  
18   WHY WOULD UPDATING A NEW REPORT, HOW WOULD WE USE IT? AND YOU  
19   CAN JUST -- BEFORE YOU GO OUT TO AN R.F.I. OR R.F.P., OR  
20   HOWEVER YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, I WANT TO HAVE SOME  
21   UNDERSTANDING HOW YOU AND US ARE GOING TO UTILIZE THIS  
22   INFORMATION.

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24   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE DIDN'T USE THE OTHER INFORMATION, WHY ARE  
2   WE UPDATING IT NOW? OR WHY ARE WE REDOING IT IF WE DIDN'T USE  
3   IT? AND IF WE ARE GOING TO USE IT, I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND  
4   HOW WE'RE GOING TO USE IT.

5

6   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE R.F.I., IT  
7   SHOULD ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. BEFORE WE ISSUE IT, WE'LL SEND  
8   COPIES TO EACH OFFICE.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND ME. BEFORE YOU DO  
11   ANYTHING, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT  
12   IT IS YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION. DO YOU KNOW  
13   NOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH IT?

14

15   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, MAYBE I CAN ASK FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO  
16   HELP ME WITH THIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE USED TO NOT  
17   ONLY IDENTIFY THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH STAFF BUT MORE  
18   IMPORTANTLY WHERE WE WOULD SITE, WHERE WE WOULD LOCATE  
19   CRITICAL COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND WITH THAT,  
20   DEPARTMENTS. BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING TO BE AS WE MOVE FORWARD,  
21   WE KNOW ESPECIALLY IN ONE AREA OF THE CITY, WE KNOW THAT WE  
22   HAVE TO RELOCATE OUR STAFF TO MORE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES  
23   BECAUSE OF THE AGE AND THE CONDITION OF THOSE FACILITIES.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS WHAT I GUESS THE ISSUE I'M SAYING. ARE  
2   WE JUST BLASTING THIS ACROSS-THE-BOARD AND HAVING EVERYBODY  
3   REVIEW THEIR SPACE AND GO THROUGH THAT? OR ARE WE GOING TO  
4   LOOK AT WHAT IS IT? IS IT LIKE THERE ARE NEEDS NOW? PROBATION  
5   IS LOOKING FOR SPACE, FOR EXAMPLE.

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7   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TRUE.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE THE SHERIFF EVERY SO OFTEN LOOKING FOR  
10   SPACE. IN FACT THERE'S ONE WHERE HE'S DOING SOME CHANGES I  
11   NEVER HEARD ABOUT IN RELOCATING A FACILITY THAT'S NOW IN MY  
12   DISTRICT. AND I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE PLANNING COMES IN  
13   OR IF THERE'S A PLAN ANYWHERE.

14

15   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE THAT'S THE ULTIMATE INTENT OF THIS  
16   MOTION.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING THE  
19   QUESTION ONE MORE TIME. IF WE DID THIS ONCE BEFORE, WHY  
20   DOESN'T PROBATION UTILIZE IT? WHY AREN'T DEPARTMENT HEADS  
21   UTILIZING THESE THINGS? WHY IS IT SITTING ON A SHELF? AND I  
22   DON'T WANT US TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DOING IT. I'M  
23   TRYING TO BE AS PLAIN AS I CAN ABOUT THIS. SO BEFORE YOU EVEN  
24   GO THROUGH THAT EXERCISE, IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR US TO



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1 KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO UTILIZE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION. IF  
2 IT'S SPECIFIC TO AREAS --

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT, WOULD YOU HANDLE  
5 WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE, PLEASE? SO THAT WE CAN HEAR HERE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT'S SPECIFIC TO DEPARTMENT OR TO AREAS THAT  
8 HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT LIMITED, YOU KNOW, SPACE AND  
9 NEEDING OF ADDITIONAL SPACE, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A  
10 CLEARINGHOUSE IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER  
11 ABOUT WHO'S GOING TO MOVE AND WHO'S GOING TO GET SPACE NOW.  
12 AND THAT'S I THINK THE REAL CRUX OF THE PROBLEM, MARK. SO I'M  
13 JUST TRYING TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, AND I THINK IT'S GOOD.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE SHERIFF CAN JUST DECIDE I'M GOING TO NEED SO  
18 MUCH SPACE SO I GO OUT AND DO IT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE OBJECTIVE BEING SOUGHT IN  
21 THIS MOTION, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY PREVIOUS EFFORT THAT MAY  
22 HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN, OF WHICH AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION I  
23 WAS UNAWARE. TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HAS BEEN CALLED TO MY  
24 ATTENTION, IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AND I SUSPECT IT SHOULD  
25 BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS IS A NEW DAY, A NEW TIME, AND IT'S



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1 WORTHY OF OUR REVIEW AGAIN. IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO BRING A MORE  
2 CONSISTENT LEVEL OF RATIONALITY TO OUR PLANNING AND MASTER  
3 PLANNING PROCESSES, WHERE THE ENTIRE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION  
4 WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, CAN WORK THROUGH A MORE CLEAR PALMS-  
5 UP PROCESS. ONE OF THE VERY ISSUES THAT HAS CAUSED MORE  
6 DISCONNECT AND DISCOMFORT, STRAIGHT TALK HERE, LADIES AND  
7 GENTLEMEN, AT THIS BOARD IS AROUND THE VERY QUESTIONS EMBEDDED  
8 IN THIS MOTION. I WOULD THINK, MEMBERS, IT WOULD SERVE ALL OF  
9 US TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, HOW IT'S  
10 GOING ON. THIS DOESN'T MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE  
11 FEEDBACK, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ITSELF. AN R.F.I. AS IS  
12 BEING PROPOSED BY THE C.E.O. IS CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE  
13 MAKER OF THE MOTION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE INTERVENTION ON  
14 THE PART OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHICH IS TO SURFACE THAT  
15 WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY DONE, OUGHT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH  
16 BOARD OFFICE. AND I THINK IF WE DO THAT, WE WOULD BEGIN TO  
17 MAKE PROGRESS IN AN AREA ON A MATTER THAT IS VERY, VERY  
18 PROBLEMATIC IN THIS COUNTY. NOW IF WE NEED TO GO FURTHER, I'M  
19 PREPARED TO DO SO. IF NOT, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE  
20 ITEM AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND/OR AMENDED, PLEASE RECORD THE  
21 APPROPRIATE VOTE.

22  
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHAIRMAN? JUST TO BE CLEAR.



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BECAUSE I WANT TO  
2   CONTINUE, I HAVE A RECONSIDERATION ON ITEM NO. 8 WITH NO  
3   OBJECTION, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

6

7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE --  
8   PROCEED, SIR.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE ARE. OKAY. SO MR. FUJIOKA, YOU'RE  
11   GOING TO BRING BACK THE R.F.I. TO THE BOARD FOR ITS  
12   CONSIDERATION?

13

14   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I SAID ONCE THE R.F.I. IS COMPLETED AND WE'RE  
15   READY TO PROCEED WITH THE ACTUAL WORK, THAT CONTRACT WILL BE  
16   BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. AND I ALSO  
17   MENTION THAT IN DEVELOPING THAT --

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S COMING BACK TO THE BOARD?

20

21   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I SAID ONCE -- WE'RE GOING TO DEVELOP AN  
22   R.F.I. I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM ALL OFFICES  
23   IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT R.F.I. ONCE THE R.F.I. IS PUT OUT  
24   ON THE STREET AND WE GET RESPONSES, THEN WE THEN TAKE THOSE  
25   RESPONSES AND INCORPORATE THAT INFORMATION INTO A FINAL





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1 CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE ENTITY. THAT CONTRACT WOULD BE  
2 BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER  
7 DISCUSSION ON ITEM NO. 5 AT THIS POINT, MEMBERS? HEARING NONE,  
8 PLEASE RECORD THE UNANIMOUS VOTE VIS-A-VIS ITEM NO. 5. ITEM  
9 NO. 8 IS BEFORE US. MR. FUJIOKA, PERHAPS YOU COULD GIVE SOME  
10 INSIGHT INTO WHAT THE THRUST OF ITEM NO. 8 IS SUPPOSED TO  
11 ACCOMPLISH FOR US.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE THE INTENT IS BY SOLICITING OR  
14 INCLUDING MEMBERS OF OUR REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION IN  
15 AN EFFORT, WORK WITH MY OFFICE AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS TO  
16 REVIEW HOW WE PROCURE PROPERTY; AND WITH THAT, HOW WE UTILIZE  
17 OUR NOT ONLY PROPERTY WE BUY OURSELVES OR LEASE, HOW WE CAN  
18 ACHIEVE SOME COST SAVINGS. THAT'S MY GENERAL UNDERSTANDING.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PERHAPS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION  
21 COULD PROVIDE FURTHER CLARITY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE MOTION IS CLEAR.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FURTHER CLARITY?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FURTHER? THIS MOTION CAME AS A RESULT OF A  
3 REQUEST FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, REAL ESTATE ADVISORY  
4 COMMISSION, IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES OF HOW WE  
5 COULD MODERNIZE OUR LEASING PRACTICES. THERE ARE THINGS THAT  
6 WE NOW REQUIRE IN OUR LEASES THAT COST US MONEY THAT ARE  
7 OUTDATED IN THE COMPUTER AGE AND THE HIGH TECH AGE AND THINGS  
8 OF THAT SORT. THIS IS DESIGNED TO GIVE THE REAL ESTATE  
9 COMMISSION AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY BUREAUCRACY  
10 TO REFINE THOSE ELEMENTS THAT ARE OUTDATED AND THAT ARE EITHER  
11 OUTDATED OR REDUNDANT AND ARE COSTING US MONEY. IT'S A ONE-  
12 TIME EFFORT TO TRY TO BRING LEASING CONDITIONS INTO THE 21ST  
13 CENTURY. THAT'S ALL IT IS. NO MORE, NO LESS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND IT, EITHER. I KNOW MY  
18 COMMISSIONER VOTED AGAINST IT. AND I ASKED HIM. AND HE SAYS,  
19 I'M NOT SURE, IT'S AN OVERREACH. IT'S MICROMANAGING. AND I  
20 WANT TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING, LIKE DO THEY HAVE IDEAS OF  
21 THIS THING? YOU SAID THERE WAS NOTHING PRESENTED AS TO WHAT IT  
22 IS YOU WANT TO MODERNIZE OR BRING TO -- I MEAN, I THINK BEFORE  
23 WE DO THIS AND ASK SOMEBODY TO REVIEW IT, WE SHOULD HAVE A  
24 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF EXACTLY WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE LOOKING  
25 FOR. I HAVE NO PROBLEM IF IT'S GOING TO BE A SAVINGS, BUT I'M



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1 NOT SO SURE WHAT IT IS. HOPEFULLY OUR REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT  
2 AND OUR LEASING OFFICES, I MEAN WHAT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT IS  
3 OUTDATED?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MY APPOINTEE WAS IN FAVOR OF THIS. IT'S JUST A  
9 LOOK-SEE, IT'S JUST A SIMPLE LOOK-SEE HOW WE MIGHT UPDATE AND  
10 FACILITATE A BETTER LOOK AT OUR LEASES AND PROPERTIES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT ALL OF OUR COMMISSIONS WANT A  
13 LOOK-SEE AT EVERYTHING, OKAY? I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A BETTER  
14 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS A LOOK -- IT'S GOING TO COST US  
15 MONEY. SO WHAT IS IT THEY WANT TO LOOK AT?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME READ THE ELEMENT OF THE MOTION. IT'S  
18 ALL CONTAINED IN THE MOTION. "AN EXAMINATION OF COUNTY REAL  
19 ESTATE PRACTICES REVEALS THAT SOME STANDARD LEASING AND BUILD  
20 OUT PROCEDURES MAY BE OUTMODED OR NO LONGER NECESSARY. FOR  
21 EXAMPLE, THE COUNTY ROUTINELY REQUIRES WIRING IN SUPPORT OF  
22 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THAT MAY NOT BE RELEVANT AT THIS POINT  
23 IN TIME. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS LEASE CANCELLATION CLAUSES WHICH  
24 PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH DESIRABLE FLEXIBILITY BUT TYPICALLY  
25 ADD TO THE COST. IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH



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1 CLAUSES SHOULD BE ROUTINELY INCLUDED IN EVERY COUNTY LEASE."  
2 WE HAVE A REAL ESTATE COMMISSION. THEY'VE THE ASKED FOR THE  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THESE THINGS. THEY'RE NOT GOING  
4 TO MAKE THE DECISION. THE DECISION IS GOING TO BE THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISOR'S DECISION. BUT THEY CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT THIS  
6 BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN ADVISED BY THE COUNTY, WHOEVER STAFFS THE  
7 COMMISSION, THAT THEY NEED THE BOARD'S APPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE,  
8 TO LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS NOT GOING TO COST A LOT OF MONEY.  
9 THIS IS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE THING. AND THERE MAY BE SOME  
10 PEOPLE IN THE BUREAUCRACY WHO DON'T WANT TO DO ANY ADDITIONAL  
11 WORK. THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM AND IT SHOULDN'T BE OUR PROBLEM  
12 COLLECTIVELY. THIS IS A REAL ESTATE COMMISSION THAT'S MADE UP  
13 OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT REAL ESTATE AND THEY  
14 WANT TO HAVE SOME -- THEY'VE IDENTIFIED SOME THINGS THAT  
15 SHOULD BE LOOKED AT. AND, AGAIN, THEY WILL NOT MAKE THE  
16 DECISION. THEY'RE ADVISORY TO US. AND THEY OUGHT TO HAVE THAT  
17 OPPORTUNITY AND NOT BE FRUSTRATED BY THE COUNTY BUREAUCRACY  
18 THAT THEY CAN'T DO SOMETHING. FRANKLY, THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO  
19 COME TO US TO REQUEST THIS SORT OF --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERTAKING. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT  
24 THEY DO. SO THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THE MOTION IN.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO ADVISED THEM THAT THEY CAN'T? BECAUSE THAT'S  
2   ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ADVISORY COMMISSIONS SHOULD DO. BUT  
3   AGAIN IS IT MICROMANAGING?

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

6

7   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M SORRY, I HAVE A COMMISSIONER WHO ALSO  
8   SPEAKS TO ME, OKAY, AND I'M NOT GOING TO DISMISS HIM, OKAY?

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOBODY ASKED YOU TO DISMISS HIM.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ASKING THE SAME LEVEL OF QUESTIONS THAT HE  
13   ASKED AT THAT POINT IN TIME. AND I JUST THINK IT IS WORTHWHILE  
14   TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT IS WE'RE PURSUING  
15   HERE. IS THERE A COST? WHAT'S THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT? I  
16   JUST WANT TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. I MEAN, I'M NOT  
17   GOING TO DISMISS MY COMMISSIONER AND JUST SAY "YOU KNOW, THIS  
18   IS NOT --" HE ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS. IT ISN'T CLEAR TO HIM.  
19   AND HE UNDERSTANDS REAL ESTATE AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE DOES.

20

21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
22   LET ME ASK THE QUESTION: WHO STAFFS THE ITEM? WHAT DEPARTMENT?  
23   AND PERHAPS THERE SHOULD BE SOME CLARIFICATION BROUGHT TO BEAR  
24   ON THAT.

25



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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WOULD BE OUR OFFICE, IF REAL ESTATE  
2   MANAGEMENT OFFICE STAFFS THAT COMMISSION.

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NOW A SERIES OF  
5   QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN POSED THAT WE DON'T HAVE SATISFACTORY  
6   ANSWERS TO AT THIS POINT IN TIME. ARE YOU PREPARED TO AFFORD  
7   US THE BENEFIT OF THE STAFF WORK ON THIS ISSUE? I MEAN, WE  
8   HAVE SOME DEGREE OF DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW AMONG NOT ONLY  
9   BOARD MEMBERS BUT, AS REPRESENTED, COMMISSIONERS. SO I'M  
10   LOOKING FOR A LITTLE WORK IN TERMS OF THE STAFF'S INSIGHT.  
11   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS MADE A POINT THAT HE'S TRYING TO  
12   GET INFORMATION HERE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA MAKES A POINT THAT  
13   SHE'S SEEKING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO HAVE A COMFORT LEVEL  
14   WITH THE MOTION. SHOULD WE --

15

16   **SUP. KNABE:** THE BASIC QUESTION IS WHY THEY WERE ADVISED THAT  
17   THEY COULDN'T MOVE FORWARD ON THIS?

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, TOO.

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21   **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE WHOLE ISSUE. WHY THEY COULDN'T MOVE  
22   FORWARD, WHY THEY NEED BOARD APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD?

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY CAN'T THEY OPERATE AS A COMMITTEE OF THE  
25   WHOLE?





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE QUESTION I POSE IS: FROM  
3 WHENCE COMETH THAT ADVICE? JOHN KRATTLI, SPEAK.

4

5 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M  
6 INFORMED THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME MISCOMMUNICATION, THAT  
7 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION  
8 NEEDED TO COME TO THE BOARD TO GET APPROVAL TO UNDERTAKE THIS  
9 EXERCISE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK ANYBODY SAID IT WAS THE COUNTY  
12 COUNSEL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHO ELSE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO  
15 ADVISE?

16

17 **JOHN KRATTLI:** IF THERE WAS SOME THOUGHT THAT IT WAS THE COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL'S OFFICE, THEN I WISH TO CLARIFY THAT IT WAS NOT THE  
19 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. AND IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THIS  
20 COMMISSION COULD, WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES,  
21 UNDERTAKE SUCH AN EXAMINATION WITHOUT A DIRECTION FROM YOUR  
22 BOARD.

23



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF SUCH IS THE CASE,  
2   I THINK WE'RE MORE OBLIGED TO BE GUIDED BY COUNSEL. MEMBERS,  
3   WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? MR. CHAIRMAN.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM AND ASK  
8   THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK AS TO FUTURE SUCH REQUESTS  
9   FROM COMMISSIONS AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE  
10   PROTOCOLS IN PLACE OR THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE  
11   PROTOCOLS ARE. THIS HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA NOW FOR SEVERAL  
12   WEEKS. YOU'VE HELD IT. WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT'S BEEN ABOUT.  
13   YOUR ITEM HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED. THIS ITEM SHOULD BE APPROVED.  
14   THIS IS RIDICULOUS. IT'S REALLY DISRESPECTFUL TO THE MAJORITY  
15   OF THE COMMISSION, WHO ALL THEY WANT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE  
16   A LOOK AT THIS. SO LET'S JUST APPROVE THIS TODAY. LET'S GET  
17   THE PROTOCOLS ON COMMISSION-RELATED STUFF GOING FORWARD. I  
18   DON'T WANT TO JACK MY COMMISSIONER AROUND.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN  
21   PROPERLY MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY  
22   SUPERVISOR KNABE. I THINK THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS IT WAS  
23   ORIGINALLY PRESENTED. IN ADDITION TO THAT, A REQUEST HAS BEEN  
24   MADE TO COUNTY COUNSEL TO COME BACK WITH THE INFORMATION THAT  
25   WOULD GIVE THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSIONS GUIDANCE AS TO THE



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1 SCOPE OF THEIR AUTHORITY IN MATTERS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH IS  
2 BEFORE US. ALL RIGHT? THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. CALL THE ROLL,  
3 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, COULD I MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF  
5 46-C, WE HAD CONTINUED IT BUT I WOULD LIKE IT FOR TODAY'S  
6 AGENDA. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME DOWN TO SIGN UP WHO WANT  
7 TO SPEAK ON IT. 46-C.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE MOVING RECONSIDERATION.  
10 ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. ON 46 --

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MENTAL HEALTH.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 46-C, THE ITEM THAT YOU'RE  
15 CONTINUING? IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THERE WERE SOME SPEAKERS BUT  
16 WE DON'T HAVE THE SPEAKER CARDS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY CAN'T SIGN UP UNTIL WE TAKE THIS ACTION.  
19 NOW THEY CAN SIGN UP IF WE TAKE THIS ACTION.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DO WE HAVE THEIR NAMES AND WE  
22 COULD CALL THEM UP RIGHT NOW?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE WILL TAKE THE  
25 ITEM UP RATHER THAN CONTINUE IT. THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON



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1 46-C, YOU ARE NOW PERMITTED TO FILL OUT A SPEAKER'S CARD. AND  
2 WE WILL CALL YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
3 OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE ONLY  
6 OTHER ITEM THAT WE HAVE IS ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
7 IS CURRENTLY HOLDING THAT ITEM.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 4 IS BEFORE US. AND LET  
10 ME JUST SIMPLY SAY WE HAVE A SET ITEM. AND SO WE NEED TO MOVE  
11 WITH DISPATCH WITHIN REASON. ITEM NO. 4 IS BEFORE US.  
12 SUPERVISOR?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST HAVE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ON ITEM NO.  
15 1, ADD THE ADDITION, "INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY FUNDING  
16 FOR THE DESIGNATION OF D.C.F.S. OR ANY OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS  
17 THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TO ALLOCATE \$1,100,430,000  
18 FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 IN FUTURE YEARS DEPENDING UPON  
19 EVALUATION OUTCOMES."

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MAKER OF THE MOTION,  
22 I'M PREPARED TO ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. ARE THERE  
23 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM? SUPERVISOR  
24 ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO  
25 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER ON ITEM 4. WHAT ELSE IS



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1 BEFORE US? DO WE WANT TO HAVE THE PRESENTATIONS ON THE  
2 ADJOURNING MOTIONS AT THIS POINT?

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PLEASE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO THE  
7 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WE BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 ON  
8 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
11 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAYMOND L. TELLES, JR. WHO PASSED  
12 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. HE IS THE BELOVED FATHER OF MY DEAR  
13 FRIEND DR. CYNTHIA TELLES. RAYMOND TELLES WAS A TRUE AMERICAN  
14 PATRIOT. HE WAS BORN IN EL PASO, TEXAS AND WAS THE FIRST  
15 MEXICAN- AMERICAN MAYOR OF THE CITY, SERVING FROM 1957 TO  
16 1961. HE WAS ALSO A PROUD UNITED STATES VETERAN WHO ROSE TO  
17 THE RANK OF MAJOR IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND RECEIVED  
18 NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS FOR HIS COURAGEOUS SERVICE. IN 1961,  
19 MR. TELLES WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA BY PRESIDENT  
20 JOHN F. KENNEDY. HE WENT ON TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE  
21 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION. AND OF COURSE HE  
22 ENJOYED A VERY LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC  
23 SERVICE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO CYNTHIA  
24 AND THE ENTIRE TELLES FAMILY. AND IF I COULD ASK ALL MEMBERS  
25 TO JOIN ME, I'D APPRECIATE IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. SECOND OR THIRD DISTRICT? ZEV, DO YOU HAVE  
7 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
10 GERALD BELLENKOF, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. HE PASSED  
11 AWAY ON MONDAY. HE IS THE COUSIN OF MY CHIEF OF STAFF, ALISA  
12 BELLENKOF-KATZ. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. I'M NEXT. I HAVE A NUMBER  
15 OF ADJOURNMENTS. UNFORTUNATELY I KNOW THEM ALL. FIRST OF ALL I  
16 WOULD ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY  
17 OF DR. JACQUELIN PERRY. CONSIDERED THE WORLD'S MOST  
18 ACCOMPLISHED PHYSICIAN IN REHABILITATION MEDICINE AND RENOWNED  
19 POLIO AND POST-POLIO EXPERT WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT HER  
20 HOME AT AGE 94. DR. PERRY, WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH RANCHO LOS  
21 AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS WAS HONORED  
22 THROUGHOUT HER CAREER WITH MANY AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS FOR  
23 HER DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PATIENTS IN FIELDS OF  
24 ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AND PATHOKINSEIOLOGY. SHE JOINED THE  
25 MEDICAL STAFF AT RANCHO IN 1955 AND WAS ONLY ONE OF A HANDFUL





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1 OF WOMEN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS IN THE WORLD. SHE FOUND AN  
2 ENVIRONMENT THAT SUITED HER INTERESTED IN HUMAN FUNCTION AND  
3 ALLOWED HER TO INNOVATE AND FLOURISH. SHE WAS CHIEF OF THE  
4 PATHOKINSEIOLOGY SERVICE FROM 1966, SERVED OVER 30 YEARS.  
5 THROUGH THE YEARS, HER PASSION FOR IMPROVING THE FUNCTION OF  
6 HER PATIENTS NEVER WAVERED. NEITHER DID HER PEOPLE'S PASSION  
7 FOR HER AND HER INCOMPARABLE WORK. SHE WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE  
8 WORLD LEADER IN THE TREATMENT OF POST-POLIO SYNDROME, PLAYED A  
9 KEY ROLE AT RANCHO'S POST-POLIO CLINIC. SHE OFTEN, EVEN UP TO  
10 THE END COMPLETED ROUNDS AT THE SPINAL CORD INJURY SERVICE  
11 SHARING HER WISDOM AND INSIGHT WITH FELLOW RANCHO CLINICIANS.  
12 SHE WORKED HARD TO TRAIN A NEW GENERATION OF CLINICAL LEADERS.  
13 SHE WAS A TRUE GIANT AT RANCHO AND A GIANT IN REHABILITATION  
14 MEDICINE. IN ADDITION TO BEING A BRILLIANT PHYSICIAN, PHYSICAL  
15 THERAPIST AND SURGEON, SHE WAS BELOVED FOR HER INTELLECT, HER  
16 DEDICATION AND HER KINDNESS AND HER GENTLE SENSE OF HUMOR. SHE  
17 WAS A LEGENDARY SCIENTIST AND EVEN MORE FABULOUS PERSON. WE  
18 WILL MISS HER GREATLY. NEXT I WOULD ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN  
19 ME, AS WELL, AS WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MRS. DIANE DONNER,  
20 BELOVED WIFE OF OUR FRIEND JOHN DONNER AND LONGTIME RESIDENT  
21 OF GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 10. SHE AND JOHN WERE  
22 MARRIED FOR 31 YEARS. SHE USED TO WORK FOR PACIFIC TELEPHONE  
23 AND WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING  
24 HUSBAND, JOHN; AND SON, JASON. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY  
25 ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARGARET LAMB, WHO LOST



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1 A COURAGEOUS BATTLE AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE WAS THE MOTHER  
2 OF OUR RETIRED DEPUTY IN OUR OFFICE GAIL TIERNEY. SHE IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HER SON, DON; DAUGHTER, GAIL; AND FIVE  
4 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
5 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGIA HIROKO MATSUI OF  
6 WOODLAND HILLS, BELOVED MOTHER OF ANOTHER LONGTIME FRIEND,  
7 CAROL MATSUI, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
8 CHILDREN, FAY, TAD, CAROL, NANCY AND LARRY, AND WILL BE DEEPLY  
9 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY,  
10 AND I WOULD ASK THAT SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND YAROSLAVSKY  
11 JOIN ME IN THIS, IN THE PASSING OF CARMEN RASPI, WHO LIVED A  
12 FULL AND RICH LIFE. SHE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HER CAREER WHICH  
13 INCLUDED OPERATING SEVERAL BUSINESSES, BUT HER TRUE SUCCESS  
14 WAS IN HOW SHE AFFECTED THOSE IN HER LIFE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
15 ESTEBAN, THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, HER HUSBAND OF 53 YEARS; HER  
16 TWO DEVOTED SONS, STEVEN AND HIS WIFE CHRISTINA RASPI, AND  
17 JAMES RASPI AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GLAD TO SECOND THAT,  
20 SUPERVISOR.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. AND ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS  
23 TAKIASHI SATO, A BELOVED HUSBAND OF FORMER LONG BEACH MAYOR  
24 EUNICE SATO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 2 AT THE AGE OF 92. HE  
25 WAS BORN IN SAN GABRIEL, LIVED IN JAPAN FOR MANY YEARS. HE



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1 GRADUATED FROM MONTEREY HIGH, WAS RELOCATED TO THE POST IN WAR  
2 RELOCATION CENTER IN ARIZONA. HE WAS ABLE TO LEAVE ARIZONA  
3 BEFORE THE WAR ENDED AND HE GOT A JOB IN THE UNITED STATES  
4 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. AND HE GRADUATED FROM THE L.D.S. BUSINESS  
5 COLLEGE IN UTAH AND WENT TO GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE DEPARTMENT  
6 OF AGRICULTURE. ALL HIS LIFE HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE  
7 COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY, ENJOYED GOLFING AND TRAVELING.  
8 TOM IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, A DEAR FRIEND EUNICE;  
9 THREE CHILDREN, CHARLOTTE, DANIEL, DOUGLAS; THEIR SPOUSES,  
10 SISTER AND NIECE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONSTANCE  
11 ELIZABETH CHASE TOWNSEND, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 1 SURROUNDED  
12 BY THOSE WHO LOVE HER AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER  
13 OF FORMER LONG BEACH MAYOR AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
14 BURTON CHACE. SHE WAS MARRIED TO BUD TOWNSEND FOR 55 YEARS.  
15 SHE WAS A VOLUNTEER AT LONG BEACH MEMORIAL, THE ASSISTANCE  
16 LEAGUE, TOBERMAN HOUSE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HER FOUR SONS, STEVE, BILL, ROB, RICH; DAUGHTER-  
18 IN-LAW CARRIE; AND A GRANDSON, MICHAEL. THOSE ARE MY  
19 ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
24 MARIAN EASTLAKE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS  
25 FORMERLY A PRODUCTION STAFF MEMBER OF N.B.C. RADIO IN THE



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1 '40S. WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN REPUBLICAN POLITICS, A STRONG  
2 SUPPORTER OF CONGRESSMAN CARLOS MOORHEAD AND MYSELF. SHE IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HER SON, CARLTON. RALPH ALFIERI, WHO PASSED AWAY  
4 AT THE AGE MUCH 95, RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, UNITED STATES NAVY  
5 VETERAN, SERVED UNDER ADMIRAL THOMAS KINKAID ON A NAVAL  
6 CRUISER AND SEVERAL BATTLES, INCLUDING THE CORAL SEA AND THE  
7 BATTLE OF MIDWAY. HE, WITH HIS LONGTIME BUSINESS PARTNER,  
8 KENNETH KENTNER STARTED ALKEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. HE WAS  
9 ACTIVE IN THE CITIES OF ARCADIA AND MONROVIA. HE IS SURVIVED  
10 BY HIS WIFE, PAM; THEIR TWO SONS, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. FRED  
11 WALTER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. PAST MEMBER OF THE  
12 CITY'S PLANNING COMMISSION. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 64 YEARS.  
13 VIOLA WARD, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
14 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND EDUCATOR AT LOCAL SCHOOLS. STEWART "DIRK"  
15 ROUSSIN FISCHER, A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. HE WAS A NOTED  
16 COMPOSER, ARRANGER, TRUMPETER AND TROMBONIST. PURSUED MUSIC  
17 AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH HIS OWN BAND UNTIL HE  
18 WAS DRAFTED IN THE ARMY. WORKED WITH THE ARMY JAZZ BANDS.  
19 WORKED AT THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS MUSIC DEPARTMENT FOR MORE  
20 THAN 28 YEARS, BEING NAMED HEAD OF JAZZ STUDIES IN 1977. ERROL  
21 FULBRIGHT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
22 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WORKED IN THE PLUMBING INDUSTRY FOR  
23 NEARLY 50 YEARS. AND JUST HAD CELEBRATED HIS 71ST WEDDING  
24 ANNIVERSARY LAST DECEMBER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANE.  
25 GEORGE ELLIOTT BARLOW, ARMY VETERAN, RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, AND



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1 SUCCESSFUL BAIL BONDSMAN. MARY BROWN, RETIRED DEPUTY FOR THE  
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HER LAST ASSIGNMENT  
3 WAS INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. AND TIMOTHY WARD, RESIDENT OF  
4 QUARTZ HILL. HE LEAVES HIS PARENTS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT  
5 MOTIONS. MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 5. I  
6 WANT TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. LET ME  
9 JUST SIMPLY SAY WE COULD PROCEED NOW, BUT WE DO HAVE A SET  
10 ITEM. DO YOU WANT TO RECONSIDER?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THAT WE WOULD JUST SAY AN AMENDMENT THAT  
13 THEY COULD OPERATE AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO MAKE A  
14 RECOMMENDATION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SECOND THE MOTION.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WAIT, ITEM NO. 5 OR ITEM NO. 8?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 8. I'M SORRY. WE'RE GIVING SACHI GRAY HAIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, AND WE HAVE A SET ITEM.  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR'S GOING TO MAKE A  
24 DETERMINATION WE CAN TAKE THAT ITEM UP ONCE WE DISPOSE OF THE  
25 MATTER THAT IS BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD WE JUST AT LEAST HAVE IT  
5 RECONSIDERED AND PUT BEFORE US TO LAY ON THE TABLE?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO ITEM NO. 8 WAS RECONSIDERED AND  
10 WE'LL HOLD THAT UNTIL AFTER THE SET ITEM.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED TO THE SET ITEM.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. SO THE SET ITEM, WHICH IS S-  
15 1, LET ME JUST READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS  
16 THE HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FEE.  
17 ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD  
18 CONTROL DISTRICT, CONSIDER ALL PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
19 CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FEE. THIS ITEM ALSO INCLUDES THE  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE INCLUDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
21 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, I DO NEED TO SWEAR EVERYBODY IN. SO ALL  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN ON TESTIFYING ON ITEM S-1, PLEASE STAND  
23 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU  
24 MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE  
25 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU



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1 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. MR. CHAIRMAN, ITEM S-1 IS  
2 BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.  
9 WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER. MAY I HAVE  
10 YOUR ATTENTION? THE OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO HAVE A PRESENTATION  
11 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IF THERE'S CLARITY AS TO  
12 WHAT THE ISSUES ARE AS THEY CURRENTLY STAND. AND THEN,  
13 MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE READ-IN OF THE MOTIONS THAT THE  
14 BOARD MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING. MAY I SAY THAT AGAIN? WE'RE  
15 GOING TO HAVE A PRESENTATION OF STAFF FIRST. WE'RE GOING TO  
16 THEN HAVE NOT A DEBATE BUT, IN FACT, A PRESENTATION OF THE  
17 MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE RESPECTIVE MEMBERS OF  
18 THE BOARD, AT WHICH TIME WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE THEM PRESENTED.  
19 WE ARE NOT DEBATING THEM AT THAT POINT. WE WILL HAVE A PUBLIC  
20 COMMENT ON THE ITEM FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO JUST STOOD AND  
21 INDICATED THAT THEY WANT TO BE HEARD. AFTER WE CLOSE THE  
22 PUBLIC HEARING, WE'LL HAVE A FULL DEBATE OF THE BOARD ON THE  
23 MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE US. THAT WILL BE OUR PROCEDURE ON S-1.  
24 WITH THAT, WITH HE'LL NOW HEAR FROM STAFF. IF YOU'D IDENTIFY





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1 YOURSELVES, THAT IS TO SAY, YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK, AND YOUR  
2 SERIAL NUMBERS, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE.

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4 **RUSS BRYDEN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE  
5 BOARD, MY NAME IS RUSS BRYDEN. I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A BRIEF  
7 PRESENTATION ON THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE AND  
8 REPORT ON THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROGRAM AS DIRECTED BY YOUR  
9 BOARD. IT IS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF  
10 POLLUTION POSES A SIGNIFICANT RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE  
11 QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT CONTAMINATES SOURCES OF  
12 LOCAL DRINKING WATER AND RESULTS IN THE COSTLY DEGRADATION OF  
13 COUNTY BEACHES, LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS. THIS, IF IN TURN,  
14 HAS A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIES.  
15 IT ALSO LIMITS THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO CAPTURE  
16 LOCAL STORM WATER MAKING OUR REGION DEPENDENT ON EXPENSIVE AND  
17 UNRELIABLE IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES. THE COST OF CLEANING UP  
18 POLLUTION WITHIN OUR WATERWAYS ALSO POSES SIGNIFICANT AND FAR  
19 REACHING CHALLENGES TO THE 85 CITIES AND MORE THAN 100  
20 UNINCORPORATED AREAS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. THE COST OF IMPROVING  
21 WATER QUALITY IN L.A. COUNTY HAS SEEN AN EXPONENTIAL INCREASE  
22 OVER THE PAST DECADE, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THIS GRAPH. IT IS  
23 ALSO PROJECTED IT THAT WILL COST TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
24 OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. WHEREAS, THE 2001 STORM WATER PERMIT  
25 ONLY CONTAINED TWO TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD RESTRICTIONS, AS



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1 WE HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN OUR  
2 WATERWAYS, 31 ADDITIONAL T.M.D.L.S HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE  
3 PROJECTED EXPENDITURE FOR COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS ALONE IS  
4 ESTIMATED AT \$20 MILLION FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, \$56 MILLION THE  
5 FOLLOWING YEAR, AND \$64 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR '15/'16, AN  
6 AVERAGE OF \$40 MILLION A YEAR. MUCH LIKE THE OTHER  
7 MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE REGION, THE COUNTY PAYS FOR ITS  
8 STORM WATER QUALITY PROGRAM DIRECTLY FROM ITS GENERAL FUND.  
9 THE ABSENCE OF A DEDICATED LONG TERM FUNDING SOURCE PRESENTS A  
10 SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION,  
11 PUTTING PROTECTION OF THE REGION'S WATERWAYS AND SOURCES OF  
12 DRINKING WATER IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH OTHER VITAL PUBLIC  
13 SERVICES. NEARLY A DECADE AGO, YOUR BOARD RECOGNIZED THAT THE  
14 ISSUE OF WATER QUALITY COULD NOT BE ADDRESSED BY THE 85  
15 MUNICIPALITIES WORKING SEPARATELY AND TOOK A LEADERSHIP ROLE  
16 TO IDENTIFY A REGIONAL FUNDING SOLUTION. YOUR BOARD RECOGNIZED  
17 THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WAS IDEALLY POSITIONED AS A  
18 REGIONAL AGENCY TO DEVELOP THIS SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MECHANISM.  
19 ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT, PUBLIC WORKS SET OUT TO DO AN OPEN,  
20 TRANSPARENT AND COLLECTIVE PROCESS. WORKING WITH CITIES,  
21 COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, REGULATORY  
22 AGENCIES, BUSINESS GROUPS AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICT, PUBLIC WORKS HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE AND  
24 WORKABLE FUNDING PROGRAM. THE DRAFT MAJOR ESTABLISHES A  
25 REGIONAL, INTEGRATED APPROACH TO STORM WATER QUALITY



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1 CHALLENGES AND RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR INCREASED LOCAL EFFORTS  
2 TO CAPTURE STORM WATER TO AUGMENT WATER SUPPLY. AT THE  
3 DIRECTION OF YOUR BOARD, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 13-D  
4 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PUBLIC WORKS PREPARED AN ENGINEER'S  
5 REPORT, PROVIDED NOTICES FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2013 PUBLIC  
6 HEARING, AND DRAFTED AN ORDINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL.  
7 THESE DOCUMENTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE ON A  
8 DEDICATED WEBSITE. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO MAINTAINED A  
9 MULTILINGUAL CALL CENTER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. AT THE DIRECTION  
10 OF YOUR BOARD, FOLLOWING THE EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
11 ON JANUARY 15 AND SUBSEQUENT DIRECTIVES ON JANUARY 29 AND  
12 FEBRUARY 5, PUBLIC WORKS SUBMITTED A FORMAL WRITTEN REPORT ON  
13 MARCH 7 ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING KEY ISSUES. FEASIBILITY OF  
14 ACCEPTING PROTESTS BY EMAIL. AS OF JANUARY 22, 2013, PROTESTS  
15 WERE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL. FEASIBILITY OF AN ONLINE VOTING  
16 SYSTEM. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
17 REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY COUNSEL, IT WAS  
18 DETERMINED THAT AN ONLINE PROTEST SYSTEM IS FEASIBLE, ALBEIT  
19 AT A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COST. EXPLORATION OF OTHER WATER  
20 QUALITY ALTERNATIVES. THE MARCH 4 REPORT INCLUDES A DETAILED  
21 ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN 2006 OF THE FEASIBILITY OF OTHER FUNDING  
22 ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING A SALES TAX, VEHICLE TAX, AND OTHER  
23 FEES AND TAXES. IN ADDITION, THE C.E.O. PROVIDED AN ANALYSIS  
24 OF THE USE OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISSOLUTION FUNDS.  
25 EXPLORATION OF ELECTION OPTIONS. YOUR BOARD HAS THE FOLLOWING



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1 OPTIONS. A PROPERTY OWNER MAIL BALLOT, A GENERAL ELECTION OF  
2 REGISTERED VOTERS, OR NO ELECTION. DEVELOP A LIST OF SPECIFIC  
3 PROJECTS. MUNICIPALITIES HAVE PROVIDED PUBLIC WORKS WITH A  
4 LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS, AND THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN  
5 POSTED ON THE MEASURE'S WEBSITE AND LISTED WITHIN THE MARCH 7  
6 REPORT. PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED TO ENGAGE L.A.U.S.D. AND  
7 STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES TO  
8 ADDRESS CONCERNS RAISED DURING THE JANUARY 15 HEARING. THIS  
9 DIALOGUE RESULTED IN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT UPDATES TO THE  
10 MEASURE MADE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING: FAIR CREDIT  
11 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE INSTALLED ONSITE WATER QUALITY  
12 IMPROVEMENTS. AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PARCEL OWNERS  
13 TO IMPLEMENT WATER QUALITY CONTROL MEASURES ON THEIR PARCELS  
14 AND ACCEPT RUNOFF FROM OFFSITE. INCLUSION OF A MEMBER  
15 REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE OVERSIGHT BOARD.  
16 INCLUSION OF VARIOUS SUNSET OPTIONS WHICH WOULD EITHER SET A  
17 DATE FOR A FULL SUNSET, CURTAIL THE FEE TO LEVELS THAT WOULD  
18 SUPPORT ONLY ONGOING MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES, KNOWN AS A DUSK  
19 CLAUSE, OR NO SUNSET. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES, PUBLIC WORKS IS WORKING WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED  
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT ON A MODEL PROGRAM THAT INCORPORATES A STORM  
22 WATER BASED CURRICULUM THAT WOULD MITIGATE THE FINANCIAL  
23 IMPACTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS AN IN-KIND SERVICE. THIS MODEL  
24 PROGRAM CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO BENEFIT OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
25 THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE FEE. THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S HEARING IS



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1 FOR THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AS OF  
2 THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013, THE ELECTION  
3 VENDOR REPORTS THAT APPROXIMATELY 113,696 PROTESTS HAVE BEEN  
4 RECEIVED. THIS REPRESENTS A 5.16 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER  
5 OF PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE FEE. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLOSE OF THE  
6 PUBLIC HEARING, AN OFFICIAL FINAL TABULATION WILL BE PROVIDED  
7 TO YOUR BOARD. IN CLOSING, PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE TO  
8 RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PUBLIC AND  
9 PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES THAT PROVIDED THEIR  
10 VALUABLE INPUT TO THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE.  
11 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC  
12 TESTIMONY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE DO THANK YOU FOR  
15 YOUR REPORT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK NOW FOR  
16 THE MOTIONS AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY DRAFTED TO BE SHARED WITH  
17 THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD AND WITH THE PUBLIC SO THAT THE  
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS OR THE TESTIMONY THAT'S COMING FORWARD IS, IN  
19 PART AT LEAST, DIRECTED TO THE MOTIONS. AND THAT WAY, YOU'LL  
20 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOUR INPUT SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE.  
21 ARE THERE ANY MOTIONS TO BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED? SUPERVISOR  
22 KNABE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. THIS IS A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR  
25 GLORIA MOLINA AS IT RELATES TO THE ISSUE BEFORE US. THEN



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1 OBVIOUSLY THE FRONT PART OF THIS IS BASICALLY WHAT THE STAFF  
2 REPORT HAD INDICATED, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS. "SO  
3 THEREFORE WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD CLOSE  
4 THE HEARING AT THAT PARTICULAR MOMENT IN TIME AND NOT PROCEED  
5 WITH THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURES AT THIS TIME. WE  
6 FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: 1,  
7 INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO SEND A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL WATER  
8 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD WORK WITH  
9 D.P.W. AND THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC  
10 ABOUT STORM WATER POLLUTION. INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. AND D.P.W. TO  
11 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
12 AND NONPROFITS TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS, SUCH AS INCLUDING A  
13 30-YEAR SUNSET DATE AND MAKING FURTHER REFINEMENTS TO THE RATE  
14 REDUCTION PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS, GIVING CREDIT TO THOSE THAT  
15 ALREADY ARE ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN AN ON SITE SYSTEM. DIRECT  
16 THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK REGARDING THE NECESSARY STEPS THE  
17 COUNTY MUST TAKE SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON  
18 A GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND DETERMINE FUTURE POTENTIAL  
19 ELECTION DATES TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC, SUCH AS  
20 2014. INSTRUCT D.P.W. TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH QUARTERLY  
21 REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
22 BOARD'S IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE M.S.4 PERMIT.  
23 INSTRUCT D.P.W. TO DESIGNATE A STAFF PERSON WITHIN THE  
24 DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS THE UNINCORPORATED STORM WATER MANAGER.  
25 THIS PERSON SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING TO THE BOARD





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1 QUARTERLY ON OUR COMPLIANCE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
2 INCLUDING STATUS OF PROJECTS, BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND BUDGET  
3 FORECASTING." THAT'S OUR MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. OTHER  
7 MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS MOTION WHICH I ALSO POSTED ON THE GREEN  
10 SHEET IS LARGELY SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT MR. KNABE JUST READ,  
11 WITH THE SUBTLE EXCEPTION OF DIRECTING THE FLOOD CONTROL  
12 DISTRICT WORKING IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHER  
13 STAKEHOLDERS TO PREPARE A BALLOT MEASURE FOR EITHER JUNE 2014  
14 OR NOVEMBER 2014 THAT WOULD SEEK VOTER SUPPORT FOR A STABLE  
15 LONG TERM REGIONAL FUNDING MECHANISM TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION  
16 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS THAT  
17 ADDRESS STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION. I WOULD,  
18 FRANKLY, IN THE INTEREST OF CONSOLIDATION JUST TAKE MY ITEM 3  
19 IN THE MOTION AND ADD IT AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE KNABE/MOLINA  
20 MOTION, AND I THINK WE COULD CONSOLIDATE THAT BECAUSE THE REST  
21 OF IT IS ALMOST IDENTICAL. SO THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS  
24 BEFORE US. AND WELL WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY MOTION IS NOW  
2   PROPOSED TO AMEND THE KNABE/MOLINA MOTION BY TAKING ITEM NO. 3  
3   IN MY MOTION.

4  
5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE  
6   MOTIONS ARE BEFORE US AND WE WILL DEAL WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY  
7   PROCEDURE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDMENTS AS TO WHETHER THOSE  
8   AMENDMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AND WHATEVER DEBATE WE WISH TO HAVE  
9   PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL RIGHT? ALL RIGHT. I'LL  
10  TAKE THE SPEAKERS AT THIS POINT. IT WAS THE CASE AT OUR LAST  
11  MEETING, WE HAD SEVERAL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. AND WE  
12  HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER IN THIS INSTANCE. WE ASK THAT YOU  
13  GOVERN YOURSELVES BY THE RULE. WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS, A  
14  SIMILAR AMOUNT TO WHAT WE HAD AT THE LAST HEARING. SO WE'RE  
15  GOING TO TRY TO RESPECT ALL SPEAKERS' RIGHTS TO BE HEARD. WE  
16  AFFORD YOU A ONE-MINUTE IN EACH INSTANCE. WE BEGIN WITH THE  
17  FOLLOWING PERSONS. TIMBEN BOYDSTON, FROM THE CITY OF SANTA  
18  CLARITA. LAURENE WESTE, MAYOR PRO TEM FROM THE CITY OF SANTA  
19  CLARITA. MARSHA MCCLEAN, FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, AND  
20  JOHN CAPOCCIA FROM SIERRA MADRE. IF YOU WOULD COME AND BE  
21  HEARD IN THAT ORDER. LET ME INDICATE THE PERSONS WHO WILL  
22  FOLLOW THEM. PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT. THE PERSONS WHO WILL  
23  FOLLOW WILL BE LARRY FORESTER, COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF  
24  SIGNAL HILL. AND TOM MODICA, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
25  FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. ALL THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES I



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1 HAVE CALLED, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SPEAK IN THAT ORDER. MA'AM?

2 TIMBEN BOYDSTEN.

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4 **TIMBEN BOYDSTEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN. CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND HONORABLE  
5 SUPERVISORS, IF THIS AUGUST BOARD PASSES A TAX ON GOD'S GOOD  
6 RAIN, THEN I WOULD, AS A FELLOW POLITICIAN, HAVE A FEW OTHER  
7 GREAT IDEAS. PERHAPS A TAX ON SUNSHINE. IT'S FREE. WE'RE NOT  
8 GETTING OUR PIECE. OR A TAX ON AIR. THIS WILL BE A VERY  
9 POPULAR TAX BECAUSE WE POLITICIANS WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE MOST  
10 SINCE WE GENERATE THE MOST HOT AIR. BUT SERIOUSLY, ANOTHER  
11 GIFT THAT GOD GIVES US IS COMMON SENSE. AND LET'S USE THAT AND  
12 TAKE A PAGE FROM OUR SHERIFFS WHEN THEY TELL OUR KIDS WHAT TO  
13 DO ABOUT DRUGS. AND BELIEVE ME WHEN IT COMES TO TAXES, THEY  
14 ARE LIKE DRUGS TO US POLITICIANS. BUT LET'S DO WHAT OUR  
15 SHERIFFS WOULD SAY TO OUR KIDS, AND DO, JUST SAY NO.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18 MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

19

20 **LAURENE WESTE:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS, I'M  
21 LAURENE WESTE, MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. WE  
22 APPRECIATE YOUR DILIGENCE TODAY IN HEARING US. FOR MORE THAN  
23 16 YEARS SANTA CLARITA HAS ALREADY HAD IN PLACE PROGRAMS THAT  
24 PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND ADDRESS THE M.P.D.S. PERMIT. YOU  
25 SHOULD NOT TAX PEOPLE FOR A DUPLICATIVE PROGRAM. WE HAVE



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1   INSTALLED HUNDREDS OF TREATMENT DEVICES, PERFORMED THOUSANDS  
2   OF INSPECTIONS AND PREVENTED TONS OF TRASH FROM FLOWING DOWN  
3   THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. SUPERVISORS, LESS THAN ONE SQUARE MILE  
4   OF SANTA CLARITA'S RURAL, UNDEVELOPED OPEN SPACE WITH NO STORM  
5   DRAIN FLOWS INTO THE L.A. BASIN. WE HAVE A PROGRAM. AND WE  
6   WANT OUT OF THIS. THE SUSTAINABLE ANSWER TO SOURCE REDUCTION  
7   IS CONTROLLING POLLUTION AND NOT CONTINUALLY JUST ADDING TAX  
8   BURDEN TO AMERICANS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS. PREVENTION OF  
9   POLLUTION, NOT TAXATION. SUPERVISORS, YOU'RE VERY SMART  
10  PEOPLE. SANTA CLARITA ALREADY HAS A PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

11  [APPLAUSE.]

12

13  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER,  
14  PLEASE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND  
15  PURSUANT TO OUR PROTOCOL, IF YOU WISH TO AFFIRM THE COMMENTS  
16  OF ANY SPEAKER, PLEASE JUST SIMPLY RAISE THE ROOF. THAT'S WHAT  
17  YOU ARE PERMITTED TO DO HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOT QUITE  
18  THAT. THANK YOU. THAT WOULD BE FOR ANOTHER VENUE. ALL RIGHT?

19  [LAUGHTER.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21  **MARSHA MCLEAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARSHA MCCLEAN, I'M  
22  COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. SINCE 1995, OUR  
23  RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN PAYING A STORM WATER UTILITY FEE FOR STORM  
24  WATER REQUIREMENTS. THIS WOULD BE DOUBLE TAXATION IN ITS  
25  PUREST FORM. OUR SENIORS, OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR BUSINESSES



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1 SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER FEE. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST  
2 THAT YOU ADD TO YOUR MOTIONS THAT YOU MADE TODAY CONCISE  
3 WORDING THAT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPTS THOSE CITIES THAT ALREADY  
4 HAVE A STORM WATER PROGRAM IN PLACE. THAT WOULD BE THE CITY OF  
5 SANTA CLARITA. AS I SAID, WE'RE DOING OUR SHARE TO CLEAN UP  
6 WATER. WE UNDERSTAND WE NEED CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES.  
7 WHAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER  
8 FEE ON TOP OF WHAT WE ALREADY PAY. OUR RESIDENTS CAN'T AFFORD  
9 IT. THE CITY CAN'T AFFORD IT. PLEASE ADD CONCISE WORDING THAT  
10 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPTS THOSE CITIES THAT ALREADY HAVE A STORM  
11 WATER PROGRAM IN PLACE. AND THAT INCLUDES THE CITY OF SANTA  
12 CLARITA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

16

17 **JOHN CAPOCCIA:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JOHN CAPOCCIA,  
19 REPRESENTING THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE WHERE I SIT AS AN  
20 ELECTED COUNCIL PERSON. I'D LIKE TO JUST POINT OUT THAT ON MAY  
21 31 AT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING,  
22 SIERRA MADRE, ALONG WITH SIX OTHER CITIES, VOTED AGAINST THIS  
23 STORM WATER FEE. ON JANUARY 8, SIERRA MADRE COUNCIL VOTED  
24 UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST IT. IT'S PATENTLY UNFAIR THE WAY THIS FEE  
25 IS STRUCTURED. FIRST OF ALL, THE PARCEL FEE FOR SIERRA MADRE



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1 COMES OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND, WHICH MEANS THAT EVERY IMPACT  
2 ON OUR GENERAL FUND AFFECTS OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER  
3 SERVICES. IT'S PATENTLY UNFAIR TO OUR SCHOOLS. FORCING SCHOOLS  
4 TO PAY THIS FEE PUTS US IN A DIFFICULT POSITION WHERE WE HAVE  
5 TO SACRIFICE EDUCATION FOR CLEAN WATER. THE FEE DOES NOT  
6 ADDRESS THE MAIN M.S.4 PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. REGIONAL GROUND  
7 WATER CAPTURE WON'T HELP.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

10

11 **JOHN CAPOCCIA:** OKAY, BEFORE WE GO DOWN THIS ROAD, LET'S  
12 IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT WILL MITIGATE THE SPECIFIC  
13 POLLUTANT LOADS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **LARRY FORESTER:** LARRY FORESTER, COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE CITY OF  
19 SIGNAL HILL. THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATES THE  
20 BOARD'S AND STAFF'S LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST DECADE TO FIND A  
21 SOLUTION TO FUNDING NECESSARY WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS IN  
22 THE REGION'S COMMUNITIES. WE THANK YOUR STAFF FOR REACHING OUT  
23 TO STAKEHOLDERS WITH SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
24 PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT GUIDELINES,  
25 A PROJECT REVIEW SYSTEM, ASSESSMENT, REDUCTIONS, AND APPEALS



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1    PROCESS. COMBINING COMMON-OWNED PARCELS TO REDUCE THE  
2    ASSESSMENT AND LOWERING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOWANCE. HOWEVER,  
3    WE RECOGNIZE THERE IS A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL  
4    PUBLIC INFORMATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRAM CAN BE  
5    IMPROVED THROUGH THE WORK OF A STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE. THERE  
6    CAN BE MORE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. WE SUPPORT THE  
7    BOARD FORUM OF A STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE  
8    REMAINING ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED  
9    DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
10    DATE CERTAIN. WE MAKE THE PLEDGE THAT FINDING SOLUTIONS AND  
11    COMMON GROUND WILL BE OUR TOP PRIORITY. DELAYS WILL ONLY  
12    FURTHER EXPOSE THE COUNTY AND CITIES TO UNNECESSARY  
13    LIABILITIES AND RESULT IN MORE LOST TIME THAN IS NECESSARY FOR  
14    WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I THANK YOU.

15  
16    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,  
17    PLEASE.

18  
19    **TOM MODICA:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MR. CHAIR, MY NAME IS TOM  
20    MODICA, I AM THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR THE CITY  
21    OF LONG BEACH. AS THE CITY AT THE BOTTOM OF BOTH THE LOS  
22    ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS, LONG BEACH STRONGLY SUPPORTS  
23    THE STORM WATER FEE. ON JANUARY 8, THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
24    OFFICIAL ENDORSED THE FEE PROVIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES  
25    WERE RESOLVED: THAT THE BOARD PASS AN ORDINANCE PRIOR TO THE



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1 BALLOT MEASURE BEING PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS, THAT THE FUNDS  
2 WOULD BE INSURED TO DIRECTLY FUND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS, TO  
3 PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR SCHOOLS AS WELL AS  
4 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS OR FEE REDUCTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND  
5 BUSINESSES, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCLUDE  
6 A 30-YEAR SUNSET DATE OR A STEP-DOWN MECHANISM. THE COUNTY HAS  
7 MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN  
8 RESOLVING THESE ISSUES AND WE THANK YOU FOR THOSE EFFORTS.  
9 LONG BEACH URGES THE BOARD TO CONTINUE FORWARD WITH THE STORM  
10 WATER FEE. THIS IS A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, NOT JUST  
11 FOR LONG BEACH BUT FOR ALL CITIES, AND REQUIRES A REGIONAL  
12 SOLUTION. IF THE BOARD DOES DECIDE TO MODIFY THE CURRENT  
13 PROPOSAL TO THE KNABE/MOLINA MOTION, LONG BEACH REQUESTS THAT  
14 THE BOARD CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING THE  
15 STABLE FUNDING SOURCE TO ADDRESS POLLUTION AND THAT LONG BEACH  
16 BE INVOLVED AS ONE OF THOSE CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS DURING THE  
17 DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. LADIES AND  
20 GENTLEMEN -- [APPLAUSE.] OH, OH, OH, YEAH. AND MAKE SURE YOU  
21 STAY IN YOUR SEATS WHEN YOU DO THAT, WILL YOU? ALL RIGHT. JO  
22 ANN HIGDON, EL CAMINO COLLEGE PLEASE, REPRESENTATIVE. CAROL  
23 HORTON, CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. NICK SALERNO, EL  
24 MONTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND YEGHIG KESHISHIAN FROM THE  
25 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION AND THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER. IF YOU





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1 WOULD PLEASE COME FORWARD TO REGISTER YOUR SENTIMENTS, WE'D  
2 APPRECIATE IT. PLEASE PROCEED. JO ANN?

3

4 **JO ANN HIGDON:** I'M JO ANN HIGDON, I'M THE CHIEF BUSINESS  
5 OFFICER FOR EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. THANK YOU  
6 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I LIKE WHAT ONE OF OTHER  
7 PRESENTERS SAID, "JUST SAY NO." EVERY DOLLAR, EVERY \$4,000  
8 THAT WE SPEND ON FEES IS ONE MORE CLASS I CANNOT OFFER. I  
9 CANNOT INCREASE MY PRICES TO OUR STUDENTS. THE STATE  
10 LEGISLATURE DETERMINES THAT. SO EVERY DOLLAR THAT I CANNOT  
11 SPEND ON EDUCATION, I HAVE TO TAKE SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND I DON'T  
12 WANT TO HAVE TO TELL MY CHIEF OF POLICE THAT HE HAS TO REDUCE  
13 HIS EFFORTS OR ANY OF THE OTHER GOOD THINGS THAT OUR PUBLIC  
14 SERVANTS DO. SO I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT EVEN IF THIS WERE  
15 TO GO ON A FUTURE BALLOT, WE HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM BECAUSE  
16 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE. THIS IS THE  
17 ONLY TAXATION THAT I BELIEVE THAT I'M AWARE OF THAT COMMUNITY  
18 COLLEGES ARE EVEN REQUIRED TO PAY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
19 YOUR TIME. AND, AGAIN, JUST SAY NO.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
22 MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **CAROL HORTON:** I'M CAROL HORTON, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER,



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1 CLEAN BEACHES FEE ON BEHALF OF CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
2 DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT OWNS SIX PARCELS WITHIN THE CITY OF  
3 AZUSA AND GLENDORA, AT APPROXIMATELY 106 ACRES. THE DISTRICT  
4 DID NOT RECEIVE ANY NOTICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
5 WORKS FOR THIS PROPOSED FEE TO KNOW THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED  
6 AGAINST THE DISTRICT. INSTEAD, THE DISTRICT WAS ALERTED ABOUT  
7 IT FROM BUSINESSES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. USING THE DEPARTMENT  
8 OF PUBLIC WORKS WEBSITE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL FEE THAT THE  
9 DISTRICT WOULD PAY IS A STAGGERING \$42,937. THIS WOULD CREATE  
10 AN UNDUE BURDEN UPON THE DISTRICT TO PAY SUCH AN ANNUAL  
11 AMOUNT, CONSIDERING THAT THE STATE HAS DRAMATICALLY CUT  
12 FUNDING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS. THE DISTRICT HAD NO  
13 CHOICE BUT TO FILE PROTESTS FOR THE PARCEL.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. SO  
16 IF YOU COULD CONCLUDE YOUR REMARKS WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

17

18 **CAROL HORTON:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **NICK SALERNO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND SUPERVISORS.  
24 MY NAME IS NICK SALERNO, I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EL  
25 MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO



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1 SHARE SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPACT THE CLEAN WATER,  
2 CLEAN BEACHES ACT WILL HAVE ON OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH  
3 WE AGREE 100 PERCENT PHILOSOPHICALLY WITH CLEAN WATER, CLEAN  
4 BEACHES, WE ALL NEED CLEAN WATER AND WE WANT THAT FOR THE  
5 CHILDREN WE SERVE AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN CHILDREN. BUT THE FEE  
6 IS OVER 100,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ALONE. THIS IS MONEY  
7 WE CAN ILL AFFORD TO LOSE. SINCE 2006/'07 WE HAVE HAD SEVERE  
8 FUNDING CUTS FROM THE STATE TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE ARE  
9 NOW FUNDED AT OVER A 22 PERCENT DEFICIT FACTOR, MEANING WE  
10 DON'T YET EVEN 78 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. THE DEFICIT FACTOR NOW  
11 EQUATES TO OVER 65 MILLION FOR OUR DISTRICT ALONE THAT WE HAVE  
12 NOT RECEIVED AND NEVER WILL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE. WE ALSO  
13 FACE A 5.9 PERCENT CUT OF EDUCATION FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL  
14 GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ANOTHER \$530,000 HIT. THE WATER FEE FOR US  
15 EQUATES TO ABOUT TWO TEACHERS, TEACHERS WE SORELY NEED FOR OUR  
16 STUDENTS. THIS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON STUDENTS AS WE HAVE NO  
17 MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE MANY OPTIONS BEFORE  
18 YOU. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE FIND SOME FISCAL RELIEF FOR OUR  
19 SCHOOLS. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THESE FACTS  
20 TO YOU. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23

24 **YEGHIG KESHISHIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YEGHIG KESHISHIAN TODAY  
25 REPRESENTING BOTH THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES



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1 AND THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER. COLLECTIVELY OUR  
2 ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOY THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS, WHICH EMPLOY  
3 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE LOS  
4 ANGELES REGION. WHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNTY STAFF FOR  
5 THEIR EFFORTS THESE PAST TWO MONTHS IN IMPROVING THE PROPOSAL  
6 AND ADDRESSING OUR MYRIAD OF CONCERNS, THE MEASURE AS IT  
7 CURRENTLY EXISTS IS FAR FROM READY TO MOVE FORWARD. FOR ONE,  
8 PARCEL OWNERS WHO ALREADY SPEND MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO  
9 REDUCE THEIR PROPERTY'S STORM WATER POLLUTION, BE IT BECAUSE  
10 OF PROACTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICE OR BECAUSE OF EXISTING  
11 PERMITTING OR REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD RECEIVE FEE  
12 REDUCTIONS COMMENSURATE TO THEIR MITIGATION. AND HAVING  
13 PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS EXCLUSIVELY PAY FOR ALL OF THE COSTS  
14 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TAX IS AN INEQUITABLE SOLUTION TO A  
15 REGIONAL ISSUE THAT AFFECTS US ALL, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S A  
16 SHARED GENERAL BENEFIT. WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE  
17 MOTION BEING PUT FORWARD BY SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE TO  
18 PUT THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE ON A HOLD  
19 INDEFINITELY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
22 TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S NOW HEAR FROM SAMUEL  
23 UNGER FROM THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, CHARLES  
24 STRINGER, CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD,  
25 FRAN DIAMOND, AND MARIA MEHRANIAN, FROM THE CALIFORNIA



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1 REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD. THOSE PERSONS PLEASE COME  
2 FORWARD TO TESTIFY. PLEASE PROCEED.

3

4 **MARIA MEHRANIAN:** THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS. I'M MARIA  
5 MEHRANIAN, CHAIR OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. WITH ME  
6 VICE CHAIR CHARLIE STRINGER, FRAN DIAMOND, BOARD MEMBER AND  
7 SAM UNGER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER. CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
8 BOARD'S LOS ANGELES REGION IS A PUBLIC AGENCY WITH THE PRIMARY  
9 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF SURFACE AND GROUND WATER  
10 QUALITY IN LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES. THE REGIONAL  
11 BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE.  
12 DURING THE HEARINGS HELD BY REGIONAL BOARD ON LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY M.S.4 PERMIT, FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF TESTIFIED  
14 THAT THE PERMIT PROVIDED INCENTIVES TO PERMITTEES TO WORK  
15 TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE MULTIPLE WATER QUALITY AND WATER SUPPLY  
16 BENEFITS THROUGH WATER RETENTION, INFILTRATION AND CAPTURE AND  
17 USE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED,  
18 INCLUDING TESTIMONIES BY F.C.D. AND SEVERAL CITIES, THE  
19 REGIONAL BOARD ADOPTED AN INNOVATIVE PERMIT THAT BOTH  
20 ADDRESSED WATER QUALITY AND RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO PROVIDE A  
21 SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PERMIT  
22 PROVIDES INCENTIVES FOR THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES TO WORK  
23 COLLABORATIVELY TO IMPLEMENT STORM WATER INFILTRATION AND  
24 NATURAL TREATMENT PROCESS, SUCH AS PARKLANDS ON WATERSHED  
25 SCALE THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND CONSERVE



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1 PRECIOUS WATER RESOURCES. THE REGIONAL BOARD RECOGNIZES COUNTY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES'S HISTORIC EFFORTS TO FUND CLEAN WATER  
3 PROJECTS, TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND  
4 PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF CLEAN WATER FOR THE RESIDENTS,  
5 BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IF THE  
6 COUNTY DOES NOT RECEIVE A MAJORITY PROTEST AGAINST THE CLEAN  
7 WATER FEE, THE REGIONAL BOARD URGES THE COUNTY TO ALLOW THE  
8 PUBLIC TO VOTE ON CLEAN WATER FEE. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS,  
9 I WOULD REFER THAT TO SAM UNGER, OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
12 I ASSUME THAT THE CHAIR. BOARD DID SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THEREFORE CONSUMING HIS ONE MINUTE. NEXT  
14 SPEAKERS, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **FRAN DIAMOND:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FRAN DIAMOND. I'VE BEEN  
17 SERVING ON THE REGIONAL BOARD SINCE 1999 AND ALSO SERVE ON THE  
18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S PROPOSITION O CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL  
19 AS WELL AS THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION. THE  
20 REGIONAL BOARD WAS PLEASED TO FIND THAT MOVING FORWARD ON A  
21 WATERSHED BASIS WAS SOMETHING THAT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS, THE  
22 COUNTY, THE CITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AGREED  
23 ON. WE KNOW THAT WATER QUALITY AND WATER SUPPLY ARE DIRECTLY  
24 CONNECTED. AND THIS PERMIT IMPLEMENTS AN INTEGRATED APPROACH  
25 THAT IMPROVES WATER QUALITY AND INCREASES LOCAL WATER SUPPLY.



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1 DURING OUR HEARINGS, THE REGIONAL BOARD HEARD FROM THE COUNTY  
2 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITIES THAT A WATERSHED BASED  
3 STORM WATER PERMIT THAT THEY COULD SUPPORT WOULD PROVIDE  
4 INCENTIVES TO THE PERMITEES TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE  
5 MULTIPLE WATER QUALITY AND WATER SUPPLY BENEFITS. IT ALSO MUST  
6 BE SAID THAT OUR WORLD FAMOUS BEACHES ARE VISITED BY MILLIONS  
7 OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED TOURISM DOLLARS  
8 AND LOCAL JOBS. THIS NEW PERMIT WILL INFILTRATE MUCH OF THE  
9 STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF BEFORE IT GETS NEAR THE BAYS, THE  
10 BEACHES, MAKING IT EASIER TO PROTECT OUR BEACH WATER QUALITY  
11 WHILE CREATING MORE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY.

12  
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

14  
15 **FRAN DIAMOND:** YES.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AT THIS  
18 POINT I THINK YOU'RE BORROWING THE TIME OF YOUR COLLEAGUE.  
19 WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

20  
21 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I COSIGNED THE LETTER THAT THE CHAIR  
22 READ INTO THE RECORD, SO I'M CEDING MY TIME TO OTHERS UP HERE  
23 BEFORE YOU.

24  
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.





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2 **FRAN DIAMOND:** I'M ALMOST DONE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED.

5

6 **FRAN DIAMOND:** AS YOU KNOW AS A RESULT OF THE RECENTLY ADOPTED  
7 MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PERMIT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
8 WORKS IS EMBARKING ON AN INTENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS TO  
9 IDENTIFY CRITICAL PROJECTS THAT IF IMPLEMENTED WILL LEAD TO  
10 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERMIT. THIS IS A PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY  
11 PROPOSED TO THE REGIONAL BOARD AND WE ACCEPTED. THE DEADLINES  
12 ARE: JUNE 28, NOTICE OF INTENT TO JOIN WATERSHED OR ENHANCED  
13 WATERSHED GROUPS, THIS IS THIS YEAR. DECEMBER 15, 2013, THE  
14 ANNUAL REPORT IS DUE. DECEMBER 28, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS  
15 AND MONITORING PLANS ARE DUE. OUR MUTUAL GOALS CAN BE  
16 REALIZED, BUT IT WILL COST MONEY. I URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD  
17 TODAY WITH YOUR HISTORIC EFFORT TO FUND CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN  
18 BEACHES AND ALLOW THE VOTERS TO DECIDE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
21 I NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS A QUESTION SHE WANTED TO  
22 POSE TO MR. UNGER. SUPERVISOR, LET ME SIMPLY SAY WE WERE  
23 MOVING THROUGH ALL OF THE TESTIMONY. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS  
24 AND THE LIKE THAT WE WISH TO ASK ANY OF THE SPEAKERS, I WOULD



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1 SUGGEST THAT WE EXHAUST THE LIST AND THEN ENGAGE THEM AT THE  
2 POINT IN WHICH WE ARE DELIBERATING. ALL RIGHT. MR. UNGER.

3

4 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I WILL BE HERE UNTIL 2:30 TODAY SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO MR. UNGER WILL BE  
7 HERE.

8

9 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I WILL BE ANSWERING ON THEIR BEHALF.

10

11 **CHARLES STRINGER:** MR. UNGER I THINK CAN ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
12 ON OUR BEHALF.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THE EXECUTIVE  
15 OFFICER IS GOING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL WATER  
16 QUALITY BOARD AND THAT WILL SUFFICE. I'M GOING TO MOVE TO THE  
17 NEXT MEMBERS AT HAND THEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
18 SERVICE AND YOUR TESTIMONY. MR. UNGER, STAND BY. ALAN FERDMAN.  
19 CHRISTINA SANCHEZ. DONALD SOMMER. JONAS PETERSON. JESSICA  
20 YASUKOCHI. I GOT IT RIGHT THAT TIME. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU,  
21 JESSICA. IF YOU'D COME QUICKLY, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. ALAN  
22 FERDMAN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS SIR.

23

24 **ALAN FERDMAN:** THANK YOU. ALAN FERDMAN, CHAIR OF THE CANYON  
25 COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IN THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES,



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1 OUR STATE AGENCIES SEEM TO BE THE ONES THAT NEED EDUCATION AS  
2 THEY SEEM TO HAVE LOST TOUCH WITH REALITY. SPECIFICALLY OUR  
3 LOCAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD HAS PLAGUED SANTA CLARITA  
4 WITH UNREALISTIC REQUIREMENTS AND THREATENED HIGH PUNITIVE  
5 PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW TAX  
6 WILL FORCE RESIDENTS OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND DEVASTATE OUR  
7 LOCAL ECONOMY. EVEN IN THIS PROPOSAL, IT DOES NOT CLEARLY  
8 DEFINE WHAT OUR TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO FUND AND IF IT IS EVEN  
9 POSSIBLE TO MEET THESE NEW 31 STORM WATER QUALITY  
10 REQUIREMENTS. I URGE YOU TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY AND USE ALL  
11 TOOLS AVAILABLE TO PUSH BACK ON THESE UNREALISTIC REQUIREMENTS  
12 AND REJECT THIS NEW TAX. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16 **CHRISTINA SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS CHRIS SANCHEZ, A 40-YEAR  
17 RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THE TERM "FEE" IS SEMANTICS. WE  
18 ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS ANOTHER WORD FOR TAX. THE FEE PROCESS  
19 SETS A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. IT STARTS FROM THE PREMISE  
20 THAT WE AGREE WITH THE CHARGE AND MUST PROTEST BY VOTE TO  
21 NEGATE THE FEE. AS WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT PRESIDENTIAL AND  
22 LOCAL CITY ELECTIONS, THE ELECTORATE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE  
23 FULLY. IT IS LUDICROUS TO EXPECT 51 PERCENT OF ALL PROPERTY  
24 OWNERS TO VOTE AGAINST THIS FEE. THE PROTEST VOTE SHOULD NOT  
25 HAVE BEEN IN THIS THIS FORMAT, BUT THE REVERSE. MAIL IN IF YOU



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1 AGREE. IS THIS THE FUTURE OF VOTING IN THE COUNTY? WHILE \$54  
2 WILL NOT BREAK ME FINANCIALLY, OTHER ENTITIES WILL RAISE THEIR  
3 CONSUMER PRICES TO COVER THEIR FEES. THE TRICKLE DOWN CHARGES  
4 WILL SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES, NAMELY  
5 SENIORS. INSTEAD OF SPENDING 3 MILLION ON INITIAL STUDY AND  
6 GLITZY PAMPHLETS AND ADDITIONAL MAILING COSTS OF WHO KNOWS  
7 WHAT, THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE REDIRECTED TO PROSECUTING  
8 VIGOROUSLY ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATORS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **JONAS PETERSON:** CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY  
14 NAME IS JONAS PETERSON, I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE  
15 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. OUR  
16 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT THE SANTA CLARITA  
17 VALLEY AREA. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH BIZFED TO SHARE INPUT ON  
18 THIS MEASURE AND WE APPRECIATE THE SINCERE HONEST EFFORTS OF  
19 YOUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HEAR AND RESOLVE OUR  
20 ISSUES. THAT SAID, WE BELIEVE FAR TOO MANY ISSUES REMAIN TO  
21 MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MEASURE AT THIS TIME. IN PARTICULAR, WE  
22 BELIEVE CITIES THAT HAVE A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN PLACE SHOULD BE  
23 EXEMPT FROM THE MEASURE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROPERTY OWNERS  
24 THAT HAVE ALREADY INVESTED IN REDUCING STORM WATER POLLUTION  
25 SHOULD RECEIVE A CREDIT EQUAL TO THEIR INVESTMENT AND WE'D



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1    LIKE TO SEE A SUNSET CLAUSE AT 25 YEARS FOR ANY POTENTIAL FEE.  
2    FOR THESE REASONS AND OTHERS, WE URGE YOU TO NOT MOVE FORWARD  
3    WITH THIS MEASURE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
6    NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8    **JESSICA YASUKOCHI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I'M JESSICA  
9    YASUKOCHI OF THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.  
10    WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE  
11    COUNTY, WE FEEL THAT THERE MUST BE UNEXPLORED AND MORE  
12    PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVES. IMPOSING THIS PARCEL FEE WOULD BE  
13    EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO KEY INDUSTRIES IN OUR COUNTY. LARGE  
14    RETAILERS SUCH AS GROCERY STORES WOULD BE CHARGED AN AVERAGE  
15    MUCH 6 TO \$8,000 PER YEAR DUE TO THEIR PARCEL SIZE AND LARGE-  
16    SCALE BLACKTOP PARKING LOTS. THIS FEE WOULD APPLY TO EACH OF  
17    THEIR LOCATIONS AND WOULD DRASTICALLY INCREASE THEIR FEES. IN  
18    ADDITION, THE PRODUCTION STUDIOS THAT ARE VITAL TO OUR  
19    REGION'S ECONOMY HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE TIMING OF  
20    YET ANOTHER TAX MEASURE AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT IT WILL  
21    HAVE ON THEIR INDUSTRY. THE MAIL-IN BALLOT METHOD OF VOTING IS  
22    YET ANOTHER CONCERNING ASPECT OF THIS MEASURE. DUE TO THE  
23    TYPICALLY LOW VOTER TURNOUT, THIS IS UNRELIABLE REPRESENTATION  
24    OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION. WE OPPOSE THIS MEASURE IN ITS



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1 CURRENT FORM AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO  
2 ADDRESS STORM WATER MANAGEMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
5 JESSICA. KIM LAMORIE. JOE SANTORO. LESTER VALENCIA. JUDY  
6 NELSON. NICOLA DAVIS. IF YOU WOULD ALL COME AND BE HEARD. I  
7 TRUST THAT THE MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE  
8 AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA THEN THE ADDITIONAL MOTION  
9 THAT'S TRANSLATING ITSELF INTO AN AMENDMENT OF THE FIRST  
10 MOTION, I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE SOME APPRECIATION FOR THE  
11 CONTENT OF THAT MOTION AND THAT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WHEN  
12 WE'RE FURTHER IN, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S HELPFUL TO RESTATE  
13 THE MOTION SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS ARE DIRECTED TO THOSE  
14 MOTIONS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, PLEASE  
15 PROCEED.

16

17 **KIM LAMORIE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME MY  
18 NAME IS KIM LAMORIE AND I'M GOING TO READ INTO THE RECORD A  
19 LETTER FROM OUR STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 27, SENATOR FRAN  
20 PAVLEY. "THIS IS TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CLEAN  
21 WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FEE BEFORE YOU TODAY. I VOTED IN SUPPORT  
22 OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2554 BROWNLEY IN 2010 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE  
23 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO IMPOSE A FEE TO COVER TO COST  
24 OF PROJECTS AND SERVICES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE  
25 STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC



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1 HEARING AND APPROVAL BY COUNTY VOTERS. AS CHAIR OF THE SENATE  
2 NATIONAL RESOURCES AND WATER COMMITTEE, I AM VERY AWARE OF THE  
3 NEED FOR FUNDING SOURCES TO HELP ADDRESS THE REGION'S WATER  
4 QUALITY CHALLENGES AND OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS. I BELIEVE  
5 THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE NOW TO SUBMIT THIS TO THE VOTERS.  
6 SINCERELY FRAN PAVLEY." AND SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, QUICKLY, I  
7 AGREE WITH SENATOR PAVLEY AND OUR SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY.  
8 A CLEAR PATHWAY IS REQUIRED. I URGE YOUR HONORABLE BOARD TO  
9 DIRECT THAT A BALLOT MEASURE BE PREPARED FOR A STABLE AND LONG  
10 TERM CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FUNDING SOURCE SO ALL COUNTY  
11 VOTERS MAY DECIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
14 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JOE SANTORO:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
17 NAME IS JOE SANTORO, THE MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY OF  
18 GLENDORA. THIS PLAN IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED AND NOT PROPERLY  
19 PLANNED BECAUSE IT IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR CITIES TO  
20 INITIATE AND TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDLESS OF HOW HARD  
21 WE WORK OR HOW MUCH MONEY WE SPEND. AT A COG WORKSHOP, YOUR  
22 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF STATED THE MONEY DEVELOPED BY THIS EFFORT  
23 WILL ONLY PAY A SMALL FRACTION OF WHAT IT WILL ACTUALLY TAKE  
24 TO COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. THIS PLAN  
25 WILL ONLY GENERATE \$290 MILLION, WHEN THEY ESTIMATE IT WILL





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1 COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF E.P.A. WE  
2 SHOULD AT LEAST KNOW WHAT IS BEING EXPECTED OF US AND NOT  
3 BEING SUBJECT TO FUTURE INCREASES REQUIRED BY AN APPOINTED  
4 BOARD THAT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO THE TAXPAYERS. THIS IS A  
5 BLANK CHECK THAT EVERY PROPERTY OWNER IS EXPECTED TO SIGN. IT  
6 IS NOT FAIR OR REASONABLE. REGARDING THE SUNSET CLAUSE, IT'S  
7 AMAZING HOW WE CAN EVEN THINK OF A SUNSET CLAUSE WHEN YOU'RE  
8 ASKING THE PEOPLE TO SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DEVELOP THE  
9 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THIS PLAN. THIS MONEY WILL NOT GO AWAY IN  
10 20 YEARS OR 30 YEARS, IT WILL BE THERE FOREVER. THIS IS A  
11 FOREVER FEE AND IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS SUCH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
14 INDEED, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **WARREN ROAN:** WARREN ROAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY BOARDS OF REAL ESTATE. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO  
18 THANK ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS FOR THE PAST SUPPORT FOR  
19 L.A.C.B.O.R.E. SECONDLY, THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS STILL IN A  
20 RECOVERY MODE. AND WE DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO DAMPEN THAT  
21 RECOVERY. NEXT, THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS A RIPPLE MARKET. IT  
22 PROVIDES JOBS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, PLUMBERS,  
23 ELECTRICIANS, GARDENERS, HOUSE CLEANERS. IT CREATES JOBS,  
24 FOLKS. IT CREATES JOBS. AND LET'S NOT DAMPEN THOSE JOBS. THANK



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1 YOU. I HOPE ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT  
2 L.A.C.B.O.R.E. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
5 SIR MA'AM?

6

7 **JUDY NELSON:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JUDY NELSON, I'M A CITY  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA. I OPPOSED THIS MEASURE  
9 FOR MANY REASONS BUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT'S ONE MORE TAX ON  
10 THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED FEDERAL AND  
11 STATE MANDATE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DURING THESE TIMES,  
12 CANNOT OR WILL NOT HELP FUND IT. THE STATE GOVERNMENT ALSO  
13 CANNOT OR WILL NOT FUND IT. CITIES CERTAINLY CANNOT FUND IT.  
14 WE'VE BEEN HIT BY REDEVELOPMENT BEING TAKEN AWAY, RE-ALIGNMENT  
15 WITH PRISONERS BEING SENT TO US WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDING, SOME  
16 OF US ARE BANKRUPT OR NEAR BANKRUPTCY. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE  
17 PECKING ORDER ARE OUR CITIZENS. AND IT'S WRONG FOR US TO  
18 EXPECT OUR CITIZENS TO PAY FOR THIS MEASURE WHEN THEY'VE BEEN  
19 HIT PROBABLY MORE HARD THAN ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. I  
20 ASK THAT THIS STORM WATER MEASURE BE DROPPED AND I ASK FOR  
21 RELIEF FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATIONS. HELPING US WITH FUNDING,  
23 HELPING US WITH A REDUCTION OF THESE EXTREMELY STRINGENT  
24 REGULATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3    **NICOLA DAVIS:** HI, MY NAME IS NICOLA DAVIS AND I REPRESENT  
4    SMASH MIDDLE SCHOOL. I WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT -- I MEAN I  
5    WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS -- I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY -- I'M FOR  
6    THE CLEAN WATER, BEACHES FEE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IN 20 OR 30  
7    YEARS THAT HAVING LOCALLY SOURCED WATER AVAILABILITIES IS  
8    GOING TO REALLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. AND I WOULD LIKE  
9    TO SAY THAT ALL OF THE SMASH MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN SUPPORT OF  
10   THIS. AND WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT'S A STEP  
11   TOWARDS SUSTAINING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE QUALITY OF  
12   LIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME. I'D LIKE  
15   TO CALL UP JOE EDMISTON, BRUCE SAITO, ANN-MARIE OTEY AND KEVIN  
16   NORTON. YES, NEXT.

17

18   **SPEAKER:** WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

19

20   **SUP. KNABE:** YOU WERE ALREADY UP THERE.

21

22   **ARTURO GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS ARTURO GONZALEZ, I'M THE DIRECTOR  
23   FOR EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ARTS AND MURAL PROGRAM. I'M  
24   HERE TO SUPPORT THE FEE. AS YOU KNOW, LOS ANGELES IS VERY  
25   DROUGHT PRONE. EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER GO



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1 DIRECTLY INTO THE OCEAN. IT CREATES POLLUTION IN OUR NATURAL -  
2 - IN OUR OCEAN AND RIVER WAYS AS WELL AS THIS FEE WILL PROVIDE  
3 JOBS AND CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE PATH FOR OUR WATER.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

6

7 **NESTOR ENRIQUE VALENCIA:** MY NAME IS NESTOR ENRIQUE VALENCIA,  
8 I'M A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WITH THE CITY OF BELL. THE NEW CITY  
9 OF BELL AND THE NEW COUNCIL, VERY CANDIDLY, THIS IS SOMETHING  
10 THAT I'VE JUST GRABBED HOLD OF IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. IN  
11 BELL, WE TAKE OUR TAXES VERY, VERY SERIOUS. AND WE TAKE WATER  
12 QUALITY, AS WELL. WE AND I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. WE DO WANT TO  
13 CAUTION THE SUPERVISORS THAT WE NEED MORE STAKEHOLDER INTAKE.  
14 I PROPOSE THAT IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND YOUR IMPROVEMENT OF  
15 THIS PROGRAM, THAT YOU DO CALL FOR A STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE. I  
16 FINALLY WANT TO SAY, PLEASE NO MORE TODAY. LET'S MOVE FORWARD  
17 WITH THE COMBINED MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT? BRUCE?

20

21 **BRUCE SAITO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRUCE SAITO, I'M THE  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS. WE  
23 SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THIS  
24 MEASURE'S IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL BECAUSE IT WILL CLEAN UP AND  
25 PROTECT OUR MOST TREASURED WATERWAYS AND BEACHES. MANY MUCH



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1 OUR SPEAKERS WHO WILL SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE WILL  
2 EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. I AM HERE TODAY TO  
3 BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT FOCUS OF THIS  
4 MEASURE. THIS MEASURE WILL BRING JOBS AND VALUABLE TRAINING  
5 OPPORTUNITIES TO THE YOUTH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE  
6 CONSERVATION CORPS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ADOPTING THE  
7 MOTTO OF THE CONSERVATION CORPS, UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED  
8 YOUNG ADULTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP VALUABLE  
9 WORK EXPERIENCES AND THEIR EDUCATIONAL SKILLS AS THEY PROVIDE  
10 CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECTS  
11 TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. FOR THESE REASONS, WE URGE  
12 YOUR SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF OUR COALITION AND KNOW THAT WE  
13 ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO DEVELOP A RELEVANT AND  
14 INCLUSIVE MEASURE FOR ALL. AND I'D LIKE THE SUPPORTERS OF THE  
15 COALITION, OR THE CLEAN BEACHES, CLEAN WATER MEASURE TO STAND  
16 UP, QUIETLY. THERE YOU GO.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. LAST CALL FOR JOE  
19 EDMISTON? KEVIN NORTON? ARE YOU HERE, KEVIN? NEXT GO AHEAD.

20

21 **ANNE-MARIE OTEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ANNE-  
22 MARIE OTEY. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT RON MILLER AND THE LOS  
23 ANGELES ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES  
24 COUNCIL. WE REPRESENT 140,000 SKILLED UNION CONSTRUCTION  
25 WORKERS IN 14 TRADES AND 52 LOCAL AFFILIATED UNIONS. THE



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1 COUNCIL STRONGLY SUPPORTS ADDING A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE TO  
2 ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF CLEANING AND PROTECTING OUR  
3 LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND THE IMPACT OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF  
4 POLLUTION IN THE REGION. THE ISSUE AFFECTS ALL OF US. AND  
5 DOING NOTHING WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO  
6 PUBLIC HEALTH AND FURTHER DEGRADE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND MOST  
7 IMPORTANT ALSO LOSE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
8 INSTEAD, WE CAN REAP THE BENEFITS OF NEW JOBS AND BUSINESS  
9 OPPORTUNITIES. WE URGE YOU TO INSTITUTE STRONG LOCAL HIRE  
10 LANGUAGE AND ENCOURAGE UNION PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECTS.  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE LEADING THE WAY FOR CREATING  
12 MEANINGFUL JOBS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE DO  
13 URGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICTS TO COME TO AN AMICABLE UNDERSTANDING SO THAT SCHOOLS  
15 ARE NOT BURDENED IN ANY UNINTENDED MANNER.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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19 **ANNE-MARIE OTEY:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MANAL ABOELATA. IF I MISPRONOUNCE, I APOLOGIZE.  
22 MARY JOHNSON. MIKE LEWIS. EDWARD HEADINGTON. SANDY CAJAS, AND  
23 LISA BAILEY. GO AHEAD.



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1 **MANAL ABOELATA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MANAL ABOELATA,  
2 MANAGING DIRECTOR AT PREVENTION INSTITUTE, A PUBLIC HEALTH  
3 ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT ILLNESSES BEFORE THEY  
4 OCCUR. CURRENT RESEARCH INDICATES THAT URBAN RUNOFF IS THE  
5 WORST SOURCE OF WATER POLLUTION AT OUR BEACHES AND WATERWAYS.  
6 IT POSES A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH, ESPECIALLY  
7 YOUNG CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY. A REGIONAL  
8 STUDY OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER ESTIMATED  
9 THOUGH OUR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE UP TO 1.4 MILLION EXCESS CASES  
10 OF GASTROENTERITIS EACH YEAR, LEADING TO ABSENTEEISM, LOST  
11 PRODUCTIVITY AND HEALTHCARE COSTS BORNE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL.  
12 SADLY, THIS IS PROBABLY AN UNDERESTIMATE IF WE ACCOUNT FOR  
13 EXPOSURES AT INLAND WATERWAYS, UNREPORTED OR MISSED DIAGNOSED  
14 CASES, THE COSTS TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND THE HEALTHCARE  
15 SYSTEM COULD BE MUCH GREATER. THESE ILLNESSES ARE PREVENTABLE.  
16 WE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THE  
17 MEASURE TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT ARE WORKABLE TO ALL  
18 STAKEHOLDERS, CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. THE  
19 RESOURCES CAN BE USED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **EDWARD HEADINGTON:** GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS EDWARD  
24 HEADINGTON. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER IN L.A. COUNTY ABOUT 10  
25 YEARS. I'M A HOMEOWNER. I'M ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE GRENADA





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1 HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT  
2 30,000 STAKEHOLDERS, MANY OF WHICH ARE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT  
3 WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS TAX. WE DO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF CLEAN  
4 WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES BUT ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT  
5 MEASURE UNTIL CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED OVER TRANSPARENCY,  
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND SPECIFICS. WE DO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND HOPE THAT IF THE  
8 MEASURE IS PUT BEFORE ON A BALLOT, IT IS A GENERAL ELECTORATE  
9 BALLOT AND NOT A MAIL-IN BALLOT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK ANDY LIPKIS COME ON UP  
12 IN THE QUEUE. GO AHEAD, NEXT

13

14 **MARY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M MARY JOHNSON, A  
15 MEMBER OF THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL. OUR COMMUNITY IS  
16 VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE. AGUA DULCE REMAINS LARGELY  
17 UNDEVELOPED WITH LIMITED AMOUNTS OF HARD SURFACES. OUR  
18 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS LIMITS PARCEL SIZE TO A MINIMUM  
19 OF TWO ACRES AND PROHIBITS CURBS AND GUTTERS. THAT FACT  
20 COUPLED WITH CURRENT STANDARDS OUTLINED IN THE LOW IMPACT  
21 DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE WILL KEEP AGUA DULCE RURAL IN NATURE AND  
22 LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF STORM WATER RUNOFF THAT LEAVES OUR  
23 PROPERTIES. THE FEE METHODOLOGY USED IN THE ENGINEERS REPORT  
24 IS UNFAIR AND UNJUST. THE APPLIED IMPERVIOUS PERCENTAGE IS  
25 BASED ON THE COUNTYWIDE AVERAGE FOR THOSE PROPERTIES OTHER



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1 THAN RESIDENTIAL. BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS LARGELY URBAN, THOSE  
2 PERCENTAGES ARE BASED ON URBAN ASSUMPTIONS. THE NONRESIDENTIAL  
3 PROPERTIES IN RURAL AGUA DULCE ARE NOWHERE NEAR THE ASSUMED  
4 PERCENTAGES. AGUA DULCE IS IN THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
5 WATERSHED. 75 PERCENT OF THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED  
6 IS OPEN SPACE, USED FOR RECREATION IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL  
7 FOREST. THE REMAINDER OF THE WATERSHED IN OUR AREA IS LOW  
8 DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

11

12 **MIKE LEWIS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
13 MIKE LEWIS, AND I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BIZFED STORM WATER  
14 QUALITY TASK FORCE. WE SUBMITTED TO YOUR OFFICES LAST WEEK A  
15 LETTER SIGNED BY 46 BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS OUTLINING OUR  
16 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL. AND WE WANTED TO INDICATE TODAY  
17 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION THAT IS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISORS  
18 MOLINA AND KNABE TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL  
19 AND KEEP WORKING ON A PROPOSAL THAT WE CAN PUT IN FRONT OF THE  
20 VOTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU ADD ONE MORE DIRECTION  
21 TO THE BOARD, TO YOUR REQUEST TO PUBLIC WORKS, AND THAT IS  
22 THAT THEY ASSEMBLE ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AND PREPARE A STORM  
23 WATER POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES PROJECTS,  
24 POLLUTION REDUCTION ESTIMATES AND A BUDGET. WITHOUT SUCH A  
25 PLAN FOR EVERYONE TO REACT TO, WE WILL BE NO CLOSER TO AN



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1 ELECTION A YEAR FROM NOW THAN WE ARE TODAY. WE'RE ASKING THE  
2 VOTERS TO PUT FORWARD AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS,  
3 AND I THINK WE OWE THEM A LOT MORE DETAIL THAN WE'RE PREPARED  
4 TO GIVE THEM TODAY. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE WHO IS HERE  
5 TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL TO PLEASE STAND AND BE  
6 RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SANDY CAJAS:** MY NAME IS SANDY CAJAS, I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
11 THE REGIONAL HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I REPRESENT  
12 THOUSANDS OF HISPANIC BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE  
13 ARE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION THAT REMAINS STRONGLY OPPOSED  
14 TO THE MEASURE AS IT IS WRITTEN. AND WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE  
15 MOTION BEING OFFERED BY SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE. WE OF COURSE SUPPORT A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.  
17 BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY PROBLEMS IN THIS MEASURE TO JUSTIFY  
18 MOVING FORWARD. THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE THE STRENGTH AND  
19 FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO MAKE A  
20 COMEBACK AFTER THE RECESSION. THEY ARE WILLING TO DO THEIR  
21 PART FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT IS ONLY REASONABLE TO  
22 TELL THEM WHAT THEY WILL GET FOR THEIR MONEY. UNFORTUNATELY,  
23 THIS MEASURE STILL FAILS TO GIVE US ANY DETAILS ABOUT PROJECTS  
24 TO BE FUNDED IN ANY HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES. WE ASK YOU TO SET  
25 ASIDE THIS PROPOSAL AND START AT THE BEGINNING. LET'S WORK



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1 TOGETHER TO BUILD A CONSENSUS AROUND A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF  
2 THE PROBLEM. THEN WE CAN CREATE A DETAILED AND TRANSPARENT  
3 REGIONAL PLAN WITH DETAILED PROJECTS AND COST INFORMATION SO  
4 VOTERS WILL KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING FINALLY SINCE THE ENTIRE  
5 COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM CLEAN WATER. WHATEVER MAY COME OF THIS  
6 --

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

9

10 **SANDY CAJAS:** IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

14

15 **LISA BAILEY:** HI, I'M LISA BAILEY, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE  
16 IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF  
17 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF CHAMBERS AND  
18 AS A MEMBER OF BIZFED. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR  
19 LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS THAT WE BROUGHT UP IN JANUARY. WE  
20 GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGAGED  
21 WITH US DURING THE PROCESS AND FOR THE PROGRESS WE MADE.  
22 UNFORTUNATELY, TOO MANY ISSUES STILL REMAIN FOR US TO SUPPORT  
23 THIS MEASURE. THE MOTION BEING OFFERED BY SUPERVISORS MOLINA  
24 AND KNABE WOULD ENABLE A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO DEVELOP A  
25 FAIR AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION THAT COULD EARN THE SUPPORT



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1 NECESSARY TO ACTUALLY SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE URGE YOU TO PASS  
2 THE MOTION BEING OFFERED TODAY WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT AND THANK  
3 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
6 TESTIMONY. SIR?

7

8 **ANDY LIPKIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ANDY LIPKIS, PRESIDENT OF  
9 TREE PEOPLE, HERE TO REPRESENT OUR 11,000 VOLUNTEERS, 12,000  
10 DONORS WHO WORK IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS TO  
11 PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE.  
12 WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE IF IT'S  
13 ULTIMATELY STRUCTURED CORRECTLY. AND WE'RE ALMOST THERE.  
14 YOU'VE WATCHED THIS THING GET BETTER AND BETTER. AND WE URGE  
15 YOU TO KEEP THIS MOVING FORWARD. THANKS TO THE DIRECTION OF  
16 THE BOARD, SO MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, INCLUDING THAT 80  
17 PERCENT REBATE TO BUSINESSES, TO EVERYBODY WHO FIXES THEIR  
18 PROPERTY. HUGE RELIEF TO THE SCHOOLS. WE KNOW WE CAN HAVE IT  
19 BE NOT JUST COST NEUTRAL BUT COST POSITIVE, BRINGING MILLIONS  
20 OF DOLLARS TO GREEN SCHOOLS WHEN EVERYBODY EXAMINES WHAT THIS  
21 IS ABOUT. THE MULTI-PURPOSE DESIGN OF THE FEE MEANS LOCAL  
22 WATER SUPPLY. JUST THIS PAST WEEK WHEN IT RAINED, WE THREW  
23 AWAY OVER 7 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER, POLLUTED IT AND THREW IT  
24 TO THE OCEAN. WE NEED THAT FOR OUR WATER SUPPLY. THIS FEE  
25 CREATES THE STRUCTURE THAT CAN BRING IN INVESTMENT FROM



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1 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE D.W.P. AND OTHERS TENS OF BILLIONS OF  
2 DOLLARS TO LEVERAGE THE FUNDS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 WE'RE GOING TO CALL ON ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS MOMENTARILY. BUT  
6 FOR THE PURPOSES OF EVERYONE UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE BOARD WILL  
7 CONSIDER, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M JUST GOING TO ASK THAT YOU, IN  
8 A SUMMARY FASHION, GIVE INDICATION OF WHAT THE THRUST OF YOUR  
9 MOTION IS AS IT DIRECTS STAFF. I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE THE  
10 TESTIMONY IS NOT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION, AS BEST AS I CAN  
11 DETERMINE, WHAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING DOING. CONSIDERABLE  
12 PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN TERMS OF HEARING FROM A BROAD RANGE  
13 OF STAKEHOLDERS. AND I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE  
14 BENEFIT OF KNOWING WHAT WE ARE INCLINED TO CONSIDER DOING,  
15 THEREFORE YOU CAN TAILOR YOUR COMMENTS APPROPRIATELY TO THE  
16 EXTENT THAT YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL BASICALLY WE ARE CLOSING -- OUR  
19 RECOMMENDATION IS TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING AND NOT PROCEED  
20 WITH THE MEASURE AT THIS TIME. AND THEN TO GO THROUGH AND ASK  
21 THE C.E.O., ALONG WITH THE REGIONAL WATER CONTROL QUALITY  
22 BOARD WORKING WITH THE CITIES, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY-BASED  
23 GROUPS AND OTHERS, WE'RE GOING TO BASICALLY START FROM THE  
24 BOTTOM UP TO RE-EVALUATE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SOME POSSIBLE,  
25 WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT. MINE DOES



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1 NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY DID AMEND IT  
2 TO INCLUDE THAT DATE. SO THAT STILL IS A SUBJECT OF  
3 CONVERSATION. BUT OTHER THAN THAT, ALSO TO DESIGNATE A STAFF  
4 PERSON AS IT RELATES TO THE UNINCORPORATED STORM WATER  
5 OBLIGATION. SO BASICALLY JUST TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING AND  
6 NOT PROCEED AT THIS TIME. CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL THE  
7 GROUPS, ENGAGE EVERYONE AS IT RELATES. AND THEN ULTIMATELY  
8 WHEN IT COMES BACK, IT WOULD BE ON THE BALLOT, NOT A MAIL-IN  
9 BALLOT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT? I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS  
12 IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND KIND OF WHAT'S GOING TO BE  
13 COMING FOR US, BEFORE US, THAT IS. ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE DO HAVE  
14 SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD WHO IS STATIONED IN LANCASTER.  
15 THAT WOULD BE DONALD SOMMER. MR. SOMMER, PLEASE PROCEED WITH  
16 YOUR TESTIMONY.

17

18 **DONALD SOMMER:** YES, MY NAME IS DONALD SOMMER. I HAVE PROPERTY  
19 IN THE PALMDALE-ACTON AREA. I'M THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN HERE  
20 ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. I HAVE SEVERAL PARCELS THAT ARE  
21 OVER -- ONE OF THEM IS OVER 100 ACRES. AND IT'S UNDEVELOPED.  
22 AND ACCORDING TO YOUR WEBSITE, IT'S NOT EXPLAINING AM I GOING  
23 TO BE HAVING A FEE FOR UNDEVELOPED LAND? AND ALSO THERE'S JUST  
24 DIRT, NO BUILDINGS OR ANYTHING. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M  
25 NOT CHARGED THE FEE. YOU NEED TO LOOK INTO THAT. AND ALSO HOW





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1 ABOUT THE FORESTRY? THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAND ALL AROUND THE  
2 MOUNTAINS THERE, AND THAT WATER DRAINS INTO THE SYSTEM. ARE  
3 THEY GOING TO GET CHARGED THE FEE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
6 TESTIMONY. THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS SHOULD COME FORTH. ELSA  
7 BARBOZA, JAVIER NUNEZ. GARY COOK. LYNDEL MELTON. IN THAT  
8 ORDER, PLEASE. GOOD MORNING.

9

10 **ELSA BARBOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
11 LEADERSHIP TODAY. MY NAME IS ELSA BARBOZA, AND I AM THE  
12 CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR S.C.O.P.E., STRATEGIC CONCEPTS IN  
13 ORGANIZING AND POLICY EDUCATION. I'D LIKE TO -- I'M HERE TO  
14 ASK YOU TO PROCEED WITH PUTTING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AND  
15 TO MOVE IT QUICKLY. WE SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES  
16 MEASURE FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, THERE ARE TOO MANY OF OUR  
17 FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS THAT ARE OUT OF WORK AND CONTINUALLY  
18 STRESSED AT THE RISK OF LOSING VITAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.  
19 TWO, THAT ALL COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY LIKE SOUTH LOS  
20 ANGELES, NEED NEW REVENUES TO RESTORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S  
21 CAPACITY TO INVEST IN JOB CREATION AND VITAL SERVICES. OVER  
22 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE ENGAGED AND POLLED 37,000  
23 VOTERS ON THEIR OPINIONS AROUND TAXES AND REVENUE SOLUTIONS,  
24 EVERYTHING FROM PROP 13 TO AN OIL EXTRACTION TAX TO A PARCEL  
25 TAX, A DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX, AND I'M JUST HERE TO TELL YOU



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1 THAT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES DO  
2 APPRECIATE EDUCATION ON POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. AND, TWO, THAT  
3 COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT NEW  
4 REVENUES ARE NEEDED. AND WE ARE EAGER TO WORK WITH YOUR  
5 LEADERSHIP TOWARD THOSE SOLUTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
8 TESTIMONY. SIR?

9

10 **JAVIER NUNEZ:** GOOD MORNING. JAVIER NUNEZ HERE ON BEHALF OF --  
11 BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH  
12 AMERICA LOCAL 300, REPRESENTS 8000 MEMBERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME. AND I KNOW THAT WE WILL DO  
14 THE BEST AND YOU WILL DO THE BEST AT WHAT YOU DO BECAUSE THE  
15 STAKEHOLDERS OF THIS COUNTY VOTED YOU IN. AND I KNOW THAT YOU  
16 HAVE THE BEST INTERESTS FOR LOS ANGELES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE  
17 HAVE PEOPLE WHO SAY WE WILL GO TO THE BEACHES, WE WILL TAKE  
18 ADVANTAGE OF BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUT SANTA CLARITA  
19 AND EVERY OTHER, WE DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR IT. WE DON'T WANT TO  
20 PAY FOR ANYTHING. WE WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BEAUTIFUL  
21 THINGS WE HAVE HERE, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR IT. THE  
22 TRUTH OF THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT SOMEBODY IS GOING TO  
23 HAVE TO PAY FOR IT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRING REVENUE. AND  
24 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. WE'RE HERE TO ACCOMPLISH AND TO  
25 GO FORWARD. I WANT MY GRANDCHILDREN, MY GREAT GRANDCHILDREN TO



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1 BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DRINKING GOOD DRINKING WATER. AND  
2 I'M SURE ALL OF YOU ALSO. TO GO TO THE BEACH AND BE ABLE TO  
3 ENJOY OUR BEACHES. YOU GO TO AUSTRALIA, THEY HAVE BEAUTIFUL  
4 BEACHES OUT IN AUSTRALIA. SO I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO DO  
5 THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
8 SIR. LAST SPEAKER, PLEASE, AND THEN JOE EDMISTON, IF YOU WOULD  
9 COME FORWARD TO BE HEARD. JOE EDMISTON. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

10

11 **LYNDEL MELTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LYNDEL MELTON, I'M WITH  
13 R.M.C. WATER ENVIRONMENT. WE WORK WITH AGENCIES THROUGHOUT  
14 CALIFORNIA FACING CHALLENGES VERY SIMILAR TO YOURS. THE NEED  
15 TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, THE NEED TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY  
16 RELIABILITY, THE NEED TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL HABITAT  
17 PROTECTION, AND THE NEED TO ENSURE ECONOMIC VITALITY AND  
18 SUSTAINABILITY. THEY ALSO FACE THE UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED  
19 WITH CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
20 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DELTA OF CALIFORNIA. CLEAN, SAFE WATER  
21 OR THE CLEAN WATERS AND CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE  
22 YOU THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES HERE IN  
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS OTHER AREAS HAVE DONE SO THROUGHOUT  
24 CALIFORNIA. THE INITIATIVE WILL ALLOW YOUR DEDICATED STAFF AT  
25 PUBLIC WORKS THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MEET STORM WATER



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1 REGULATIONS THAT ARE PROMULGATED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
2 GOVERNMENT AND SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE GREATER LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATERS,  
4 CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE, IMPROVING WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY  
5 AND PUTTING PEOPLE TO WORK HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY  
6 MUCH.

7

8 **JOE EDMISTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, JOSEPH EDMISTON,  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY,  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION  
11 AUTHORITY. WE ALL KNOW WE HAVE POLLUTED STORM WATER RUNOFF. WE  
12 ALL KNOW WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WE ALL KNOW THAT  
13 THE WATER BOARDS HAVE NOW TRIPLED THE AMOUNT OF T.M.D.L.S THAT  
14 THIS COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE GOING  
15 TO HAVE TO ADDRESS. ALL OF THAT IS NO NEW NEWS TO ANY OF YOU.  
16 WHAT I AM SUGGESTING, WHAT WE ARE SUGGESTING TO YOU IS TO  
17 SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND THE  
18 INTENT OF THE MOTIONS BY MR. KNABE AND MS. MOLINA TO SEND THIS  
19 BACK FOR A RESTART, BUT REMEMBERING AND RECOGNIZING THAT THERE  
20 HAS TO BE SOME ULTIMATE RESOLUTION. SO WE WOULD SUGGEST YOU  
21 PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT IN EITHER JUNE OR NOVEMBER OF 2014 AND  
22 LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. EDMISTON FOR YOUR  
25 TESTIMONY. KIRSTEN JAMES, TONY TRINIDAD, RUSSELL NORDSTEDT,



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1 MICHAEL DRENNAN, AND CLAIRE ROBINSON-DANIEL. IF YOU WOULD COME  
2 FORWARD TO BE HEARD.

3

4 **KIRSTEN JAMES:** GOOD MORNING. KIRSTEN JAMES WITH HEAL THE BAY.  
5 I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR MANY SUPPORTERS TO PLEASE STAND AT THIS  
6 TIME. HEAL THE BAY IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SECURING A NEW  
7 REVENUE SOURCE FOR PROTECTING OUR WATERS AND LOCAL WATER  
8 SUPPLY. WE BELIEVE THAT STAFF HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS  
9 SINCE THE JANUARY 15 HEARING, BUT TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 ADDRESS THE MOTIONS ON THE TABLE AND ASK THAT YOU MAKE THREE  
11 FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A CLEAR PATH FORWARD  
12 IN ANY OF THE MOTIONS THAT YOU PROCEED WITH. ONE, WE ASK THAT  
13 YOU CLOSE THE PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING. TWO, WE ASK THAT YOU  
14 KEEP OPEN THE OPTION OF A MAIL BALLOT AND A GENERAL ELECTION.  
15 A MAIL BALLOT IS A FAIR AND COMPLETELY VIABLE APPROACH FOR A  
16 PROPERTY-RELATED FEE. NUMBER 3, WE ASK THAT YOU WORK WITH  
17 STAKEHOLDERS TO FINALIZE THE OUTSTANDING PORTIONS. WE THINK  
18 THIS CAN BE DONE IN THE NEAR TERM. AND THE KEY TO THIS POINT  
19 IS WE NEED A DATE FOR THIS TO COME BACK BEFORE YOU SO THAT THE  
20 PUBLIC HAS ASSURANCE THAT THIS ISN'T JUST GETTING SHELVED AND  
21 IT IS IN FACT COMING BACK. HEAL THE BAY LOOKS FORWARD TO  
22 WORKING WITH YOU TOGETHER AS THIS MOVES FORWARD. THANK YOU.  
23



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2   TESTIMONY. YOU MAY BE SEATED. SHE DIDN'T GIVE YOU PERMISSION  
3   TO BE SEATED, BUT IT'S OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5   **TONY TRINIDAD:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS MEMBERS OF  
6   THE BOARD. MY NAME IS TONY D. TRINIDAD, WITH THE PAINTERS AND  
7   ALLIED TRADES, DISTRICT COUNCIL 36. AND WE'RE HERE TODAY IN  
8   SUPPORT OF A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL  
9   ISSUE OF CLEANING AND PROTECTING OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND  
10   THE IMPACT OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION ON THE REGION.  
11   WE URGENTLY NEED NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE  
12   PROBLEM OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION AND THE IMPACT IT  
13   HAS ON OUR HEALTH, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT. ALSO, BY  
14   INSTITUTING A STRONG HIRE LANGUAGE AND ENCOURAGING UNION  
15   PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE  
16   LEADING THE WAY FOR CREATING MEANINGFUL JOBS FOR THE RESIDENTS  
17   OF LOS ANGELES. RIGHT HERE IN MY HAND I HAVE ACTUALLY 366  
18   LETTERS, INDIVIDUAL LETTERS FROM OUR LOCAL MEMBERSHIP THAT  
19   RESIDES WITHIN YOUR GUYS' DISTRICT. AND THEY'RE ALL IN SUPPORT  
20   OF THIS MEASURE. SO IN CLOSING, WE URGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
21   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL THE  
22   SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COME TO AN AMICABLE UNDERSTANDING SO THE  
23   SCHOOLS ARE NOT COME COMPROMISED ANY UNINTENDED MANNER. THANK  
24   YOU.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RIGHT ON  
2   THE BUTTON. ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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4   **RUSSELL NORDSTEDT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RUSS NORDSTEDT.  
5   I'M I.A.T.S.E. PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 80. I'M HERE SPEAKING ON  
6   BEHALF OF OUR INTERNATIONAL I.A.T.S.E. PRESIDENT, TOM DAVIS  
7   AND THE 17 LOCALS IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF THE  
8   CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. WHEN OUR COMMITTEE MET ON  
9   THIS ISSUE, WE HAD A REPORT OF TWO OF OUR I.A. MEMBERS THAT  
10  HAD BECOME ILL DUE TO SURFING BY THEIR OWN HOMES. THIS  
11  SHOULDN'T HAPPEN. WE ALL NEED CLEAN WATER. SO, AGAIN, ON  
12  BEHALF OF THE 35,000 MEMBERS OF THE I.A.T.S.E. IN LOS ANGELES,  
13  WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES ACT. THANK  
14  YOU.

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16  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
17  NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19  **MICHAEL DRENNAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL DRENNAN,  
20  I'M A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND  
21  I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THAT NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND  
22  THEIR PRESIDENT. AND I HAVE A LETTER FROM THEIR PRESIDENT  
23  REPRESENTING THE 140,000 MEMBERS. AND THEY URGE YOU TO  
24  CONTINUE PROGRESS TOWARDS FUNDING OF NEEDED WATER QUALITY  
25  INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR REGION. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD





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1 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
2 STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARLY DEFINING THE  
3 ISSUES, THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, AND PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH  
4 AN OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST YOU TO ALLOW US TO DECIDE FOR  
5 OURSELVES IN A BALLOT MEASURE WHETHER WE WANT TO TAKE  
6 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANING UP THE MESS WE'VE CAUSED IN WATER  
7 QUALITY THROUGH OUR DAILY LIVES. I'M MOVED BY THE POTENTIAL  
8 OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TO NOT ONLY CLEAN UP  
9 POLLUTION BUT TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT ENCOURAGES MULTI-PURPOSE  
10 PROJECTS. AS A CIVIL ENGINEER, WE TAKE AN OATH TO SERVE THE  
11 PUBLIC'S INTEREST ABOVE ALL OTHERS WHEN WE ACCEPT THE  
12 PRIVILEGE OF THE TITLE. AND I'VE SPENT MY CAREER WORKING TO  
13 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR STATE'S WATERS. AND WE URGE YOU TO  
14 ADOPT -- MOVE FORWARD WITH PROGRESS ON THIS MEASURE. THANK  
15 YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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19 **CLAIRE ROBINSON-DANIEL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS CLAIRE  
20 ROBINSON. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AMIGOS DE LO RIOS. OUR  
21 HEADQUARTERS ARE IN ALTADENA. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, WE'VE  
22 BUILT A DIVERSE COALITION OF OVER 40 PUBLIC AGENCIES,  
23 INCLUDING LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY  
24 PARTNERS. OUR GOAL IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, WATER QUALITY  
25 AND FOSTER GREEN JOB CREATION BY CREATING A ROBUST NETWORK OF



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1 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO CONNECT THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEAS  
2 THROUGHOUT THE EAST L.A. AND FULL L.A. COUNTY. LET'S CATCH UP  
3 WITH OUR PEERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OTHER MEGA-REGIONS HAVE  
4 FIGURED OUT HOW TO COLLABORATE AND RESULT IN PROTECTING THE  
5 ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTING THE ECONOMY AT THE SAME TIME.  
6 CONCERN THAT WE'RE LAGGING BEHIND NATIONALLY AND THAT  
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT IS NOT AN OPTION BUT A  
8 NECESSITY. LIKE THE IDEA OF MOVING FORWARD WITH GUSTO,  
9 LEVERAGING THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE, WE'D  
10 APPRECIATE SEEING THIS GET ON THE BALLOT WITHIN 12 MONTHS AND  
11 KEEPING OUR OPTIONS OPEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE  
12 OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PROACTIVE PARTNER AND WORK WITH YOU. WE  
13 NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND AFTER THIS SPEAKER, WE'LL WE'LL HEAR FROM  
17 GRETA PRUITT. TIM RILEY. BRENDAN HUFFMAN. ARNOLD SACHS. GINA  
18 NILA. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. SIR,  
19 PLEASE PROCEED.

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21 **DANIEL VILLALOBOS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DANIEL  
22 VILLALOBOS. I WORK AS A DESIGNER WITH AMIGOS DE WITH AMIGOS DE  
23 LOS RIOS AND CLAIRE ROBINSON, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE  
24 MEASURE FOR CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. AND I SUPPORT IT  
25 BECAUSE I BELIEVE, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO INVEST



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1 IN OUR EDUCATION. THIS SHOULDN'T BE SEEN AS AN EXTRA TAX ON  
2 OUR COMMUNITIES. IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN INVESTMENT IN  
3 OUR EDUCATION. AND I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO DEVELOP A CULTURE  
4 OF MORE CONSCIENTIOUS DECISIONS AND MORE HEALTHY HABITS WHEN  
5 IT COMES TO WATER USAGE. FROM THE SMALL-SCALE DAILY DOMESTIC  
6 HABITS TO THE LARGER SCALE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE I  
7 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
10 MS. PRUITT, PLEASE.

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12 **GRETA PRUITT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK  
13 YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO  
14 YOU TODAY. I DO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND UNDERSTAND ITS  
15 NECESSITY. I KNOW WE HAVE TO GO FORWARD. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PARTNER WITH ME AS I'VE  
17 LOOKED AT MY 17 PARCELS THAT I OWN, MOST OF WHICH ARE VACANT  
18 LAND. BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME INEQUITIES OUT THERE, AND I'M  
19 SURE OTHER HOMEOWNERS ARE FACING THOSE INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS,  
20 TOO. SO IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF THE TIME TO WORK THOSE OUT, I'M  
21 SURE YOU'LL FIND US SUPPORTING YOUR WORK TO IMPROVE THE CLEAN  
22 WATER. MY PERCENTAGES OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE RANGE FROM 1  
23 PERCENT TO 17 PERCENT TO 33 PERCENT. AND THE 33 PERCENT IS ON  
24 MY HOME, THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IS \$2,222 FOR  
25 NEXT YEAR. I THINK THERE ARE SOME INEQUITIES AND SOME



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1 CAPRICIOUS THINGS THAT STILL EXIST IN IT. SO PERHAPS BY GIVING  
2 IT THE TIME TO WORK IT OUT, WE WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL CLEAN  
3 WATER ACT. OKAY?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
6 TESTIMONY, MA'AM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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8 **GINA NILA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
9 GINA NILA, I'M THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER FOR THE CITY  
10 OF COMMERCE. THE CITY DOES SUPPORT A REGIONAL APPROACH AND A  
11 PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS WITH AN ENHANCED PUBLIC EDUCATION  
12 CAMPAIGN, THAT IS THE KEY. THE CITY ALSO SUPPORTS THE BOARD  
13 FORMING A STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS REMAINING ISSUES  
14 AFFECTING RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS. WE MUST CONTINUE  
15 TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS AND COMMON GROUND TO  
16 ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND MINIMIZE THE UNNECESSARY AND  
17 COSTLY LIABILITIES TO CITIES AND THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR  
18 YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21 MR. SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.  
24 TODAY'S DAILY BREEZE MENTIONS A STORM DRAIN FEE MAY BE  
25 SCRAPED, SCRAPPED. SCRAPE, SCRAP. IT SAYS DURING THE ROCKY



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1 SEVEN YEAR HISTORY OF THIS PROPOSAL, THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING  
2 WAS HELD JANUARY 15. SEVEN-YEAR HISTORY? FIRST HEARING JANUARY  
3 15. THAT'S A CONSIDERATION. NOBODY WANTS TO BE WITHOUT CLEAN  
4 WATER. THIS IS FROM YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FROM  
5 JANUARY 15. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SPENT \$50 BILLION IN 1995 TO  
6 OVER \$103 BILLION IN 2009 ON CLEAN WATER GOALS. THAT'S FOUR  
7 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE COUNTY BUDGET, WHAT YOU GOT. THIS IS A  
8 LIST OF PROJECTS FROM METRO FOR MEASURE R THAT EVERYBODY MIGHT  
9 HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING. WHEN MEASURE R WAS PASSED, THE PREVIOUS  
10 BUDGET YEAR WAS \$700 MILLION FOR PROP A AND PROP C. HOW DO YOU  
11 EXPECT TO FUND THIS PROJECT WITH THOSE KINDS OF FORECASTS MADE  
12 BY YOU WITHOUT ANY KIND OF DISCUSSION SAYING WELL, MEASURE R  
13 WAS GOING TO CREATE \$40 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
14 FOR TRANSIT. BARELY 50 PERCENT OF THAT GOAL IS WHAT YOU GET  
15 AND YET NONE OF YOU STEPPED UP AND SAID YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT A  
16 PROBLEM WITH THIS FUNDING. EVERYBODY WANTS CLEAN WATER. I  
17 DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE PEOPLE TO BE DIRECTING THIS BUS,  
18 THOUGH.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **TIM RILEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY  
24 REPRESENTING MARINA DEL REY LESSEES ASSOCIATION. WE SUPPORT  
25 THE MOTION PUT FORTH BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND MOLINA. AND WE



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1 BELIEVE AT THIS TIME IT IS PREMATURE TO SET AN ELECTION DATE  
2 UNTIL ALL THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT. LESSEES IN THE  
3 MARINA HAVE UNDERTAKEN MANY EXPENSIVE MITIGATION MEASURES  
4 ALREADY ON THEIR PROPERTY AND THEY OFTEN CONTRIBUTE TO A LOT  
5 OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MARINA AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE.  
6 WE'VE CAPTURED -- MANY LESSEES HAVE CAPTURED STORM WATER ON  
7 THEIR PROPERTY. AND AT THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE  
8 SHOULD BE A FULL 100 PERCENT CREDIT FOR ALL THE LESSEES THAT  
9 HAVE ENACTED THEIR OWN MITIGATION MEASURES ON SITE. ALSO, WE  
10 BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROPERTY ALONE DOES  
11 NOT CAUSE WATER POLLUTION AND THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A BROADER  
12 BASE IN TERMS OF SUPPORT FOR ANY KIND OF MEASURE GOING  
13 FORWARD. THAT PEOPLE CAUSE POLLUTION, NOT JUST THE PROPERTY.  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY. LAURA OLHASSO, CLYDE WILLIAMS, BILL RUH, PATRICIA  
18 MCPHERSON, GREG SCHEM, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? LADIES AND  
19 GENTLEMEN, WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS 1:00 AND I WOULD SAY TO YOU I  
20 HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 150  
21 MORE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD. NOW, IN LIGHT OF THAT, WHEN WE GET  
22 TO 1, I'M GOING TO POSE THE QUESTION: HOW MANY OF THOSE WHO  
23 ARE CURRENTLY IN THE QUEUE WISH TO WAIVE, THEREFORE IF YOU DO  
24 THAT, WE CAN PROCEED TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD AND  
25 DISPOSE OF THE MATTER ACCORDINGLY. YOU'RE NOT OBLIGED TO



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1 WAIVE, BUT IT IS A QUESTION THAT I AM PREPARED TO POSE AT  
2 1:00. RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THOSE BEFORE US.  
3 PLEASE DO SO.

4

5 **LAURA OLHASSO:** LAURA OLHASSO, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR  
6 FOUR ASSOCIATIONS OF REALTORS, PASADENA FOOTHILLS, GLENDALE,  
7 WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND BURBANK, BETWEEN THEM ABOUT 6,000  
8 RESIDENTS OF YOUR COMMUNITIES. I AM ALSO PART OF THE BIZFED  
9 COALITION THAT HAS WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE THE ORIGINAL  
10 PROPOSAL. WE APPRECIATE THROUGH ALL THE WORK THE D.W.P. HAS  
11 DONE TO DATE. WE APPRECIATE THAT NEW STORM WATER REGULATIONS  
12 WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON MUNICIPAL BUDGETS. WE ALSO APPRECIATE  
13 CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. HOWEVER, WITH ALL OF THAT,  
14 THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSAL.  
15 THEREFORE, WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KNABE AND MS. MOLINA'S  
16 AMENDMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT MAY BE  
17 PREMATURE IN THAT WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SACRIFICE THE QUALITY  
18 OF WHATEVER COMES FORWARD TO A SPECIFIC TIMELINE. WHATEVER  
19 THAT ENDING PROPOSAL IS, WE URGE THAT THE FINAL BUDGET, THE  
20 FINANCING CONSIDERATION NOT BE A PARCEL TAX IN THAT A PARCEL  
21 TAX IS DEPENDENT ONLY UPON PROPERTY OWNERS AND NOT ALL THE  
22 RESIDENTS WHO APPRECIATE CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. AND  
23 ALL OF THOSE RESIDENTS SHOULD BE VOTING AND SUPPORTING THAT ON  
24 A FINANCIAL BASIS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2    NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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4    **LAURA HARTZELL:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY  
5    NAME IS LAURA HARTZELL, I WORK AT THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND  
6    TRUST. AND WE DO SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE MOTION. WE  
7    SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE MEASURE. WE ARE A NONPROFIT  
8    ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CREATE PARKS  
9    AND GARDENS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS OF L.A. AND MANY OF THE  
10    COMMUNITIES WE WORK IN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY  
11    POLLUTION, LACK OF GREEN SPACE AND PUBLIC HEALTH DISPARITIES.  
12    WE FEEL THAT THE -- TO HAVE A REVENUE STREAM FOR PROJECTS WITH  
13    MULTIPLE BENEFITS WILL BRING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, HELP BY  
14    ADDRESSING THE WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, WATER QUALITY ISSUES  
15    AND SUPPLY MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS TO ENSURE GREEN SPACE AND  
16    RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. AND ADDITIONALLY THE OPEN SPACE  
17    AND PARKS WILL HELP ADDRESS CRITICAL HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT  
18    EXIST IN MANY COMMUNITIES WE WORK IN. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
21    TESTIMONY. SIR?

22

23    **BILL RUH:** YES. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF  
24    THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M BILL RUH. I'M HERE REPRESENTING  
25    THE CITRUS VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. WE'RE A 5,000



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1 MEMBER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE  
2 EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE, TOO, ARE PART OF THE BIZFED  
3 COALITION AND REMAIN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE AS IT IS  
4 WRITTEN AND WE URGE YOU TO PASS THE MOTION BEING OFFERED TODAY  
5 BY SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ESPECIALLY HECTOR BORDAS  
7 ENGAGING US IN THIS PROCESS, FAR TOO MANY PROBLEMS REMAIN WITH  
8 THIS MEASURE. YOU'VE HEARD THOSE PROBLEMS THIS MORNING. WE  
9 ALSO SHARE THE CONCERN THAT PUTTING THIS MEASURE ON THE BOX OF  
10 PROP 218 HAS TIED THE COUNTY'S HANDS IN WAYS THAT PREVENT THE  
11 MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS. WE BELIEVE THE MOTION  
12 BEING PUT FORWARD THIS MORNING BY SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE  
13 WILL MOVE US FORWARD TO A SOLUTION THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND  
14 EFFICIENT. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **CLYDE WILLIAMS:** DR. CLYDE WILLIAMS.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DR. WILLIAMS.

21

22 **CLYDE WILLIAMS:** L.A.-32 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB  
23 WATER COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS OTHERS. WE'RE QUITE CONCERNED. IS  
24 THIS A TAX OR A FEE? WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A TAX. NUMBER 1, I  
25 COLLECT ABOUT 40,000 GALLONS OF RAIN WATER A YEAR ON MY 10,000



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1 SQUARE FEET. HOWEVER, I'M GOING TO BE CHARGED, ANYWAY. AND  
2 WHAT WILL I BE CHARGED FOR? ALL OF THE OTHER STREETS THAT I  
3 HAVE NO CONTROL OVER, ALL OF THE SIDEWALKS THAT I HAVE NO  
4 CONTROL OVER, EVERYTHING ELSE THAT I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER.  
5 WHO'S GOING TO PAY? WE'RE GOING TO PAY. THIS IS JUST THE START  
6 OF IT. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T INCLUDE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.  
7 IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT ARE PLANNED FOR  
8 THE NEXT EH, 20 YEARS? AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.  
9 ESTIMATES FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS \$500 MILLION A YEAR  
10 FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PROPOSED STORM WATER  
11 FACILITIES. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. SIR, THE FLOOR IS  
14 YOURS.

15

16 **GREG SCHEM:** MY NAME IS GREG SCHEM, AND I'M A SMALL BUSINESS  
17 OWNER AND LESSEE IN MARINA DEL REY. I SUPPORT THE MOTION PUT  
18 FORTH BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND MOLINA. FUNDING ANOTHER  
19 BUREAUCRATIC OFFICE IN ORDER TO SOLVE THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM  
20 BEFORE GOOD SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED IS GOING TO BE  
21 VERY WASTEFUL AND LIKELY NOT TO PROVIDE ANY SIGNIFICANT  
22 IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER QUALITY. GUYS, WE KNOW HOW TO DO THIS.  
23 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA JUST ENACTED THE LARGEST NETWORK OF  
24 MARINE RESERVES IN THE WORLD. WE DID THIS THROUGH A VERY OPEN  
25 AND FAIR AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS. WE NEED TO DO THIS THE RIGHT



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1 WAY THE FIRST TIME. IN ADDITION, THE PROPOSED FEE IS UNFAIR AS  
2 IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE VERY SIGNIFICANT  
3 INVESTMENT I AND MANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MADE ON OUR  
4 PROPERTIES TO DO THE RIGHT THING TO COLLECT WATER, TREAT IT,  
5 AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY. LASTLY, THE PROCESS AS IT EXISTS  
6 IS FLAWED IN THAT NOT ONLY DID THE MAILERS THAT IT COME IN  
7 LOOK LIKE JUNK MAIL, IN MY CASE IT CAME IN FIVE WEEKS AFTER IT  
8 WAS POSTMARKED, FIVE WEEKS AFTER THE HEARING. I SUPPORT THE  
9 MOTION. AND I URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON THAT BASIS. THANK  
10 YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? FOLLOWED BY -- FOLLOWED BY  
14 TERRY DIPPLE, ROSA DORIS, BELINDA FAUSTINOS, BRENT PEICH, RICH  
15 WATSON. PLEASE PROCEED.

16

17 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PATRICIA MCPHERSON.  
18 I AM PRESIDENT OF GRASSROOTS COALITION. AND I'M A MEMBER OF  
19 THE SIERRA CLUB. IN BOTH I HAVE WORKED OVER 20 YEARS WORKING  
20 TO PROTECT THE WATERSHED AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES IN LOS  
21 ANGELES. NUMBER 1, I SUPPORT THE 218 PROCESS AND APPROVE THE  
22 MOTION, NOT THE AMENDMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL OF YOU  
23 THAT IN 202, PROP 50 FUNDS TOTALING TO 3,440,000,000 2004 PROP  
24 O FUNDS. HALF A BILLION 2006 PROP 84 FUNDS. \$92.8 MILLION.  
25 THESE ARE ALL MONIES THAT HAVE ALREADY SPENT ESSENTIALLY FOR



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1 THE SAME PROCESS THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY. AND AS A MODEL FOR  
2 THOSE PROCESSES, I WOULD URGE THE PUBLIC TO NEVER VOTE FOR ANY  
3 BONDS WHATSOEVER BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE  
4 LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WE HAVE ON THESE FUNDS. I WILL USE AS AN  
5 EXAMPLE THE BALLONA WETLANDS AND THE MONEYS THAT HAVE GONE  
6 THROUGH THE STATE AGENCY, WHICH IS THE STATE WATER BOARD  
7 AGENCY, THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION, WHICH IS  
8 THE ONLY STATE AGENCY I KNOW OF, AND PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU  
9 KNOW OF ONE, THAT IS RUN BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS FROM PRIVATE,  
10 A PRIVATE NONPROFIT, I BELIEVE IT'S ILLEGITIMATE. IT HAS  
11 CREATED A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. IT HAS CREATED AN INCESTUOUS  
12 GROUP OF THOSE WHO ARE VOTING TO USE THESE FUNDS. AND FRAN  
13 DIAMOND AND MANY PEOPLE HERE INCLUDING MARK GOLD FROM HEAL THE  
14 BAY ARE MEMBERS OF THIS PRIVATE NONPROFIT AS INDIVIDUALS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY.

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19 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED?

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23 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** CAN I SUBMIT?

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY INDEED, THE GENTLEMAN TO  
2   YOUR IMMEDIATE RIGHT. THANK YOU. PROCEED, SIR.

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4   **TERRY DIPPLE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
5   TERRY DIPPLE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAS VIRGENES-  
6   MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WHICH INCLUDES THE CITIES OF  
7   AGOURA HILLS, CALABASAS, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, HIDDEN HILLS AND  
8   MALIBU. OUR BOARD RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESENTATIONS FROM PHIL  
9   DUDAR AND MARK PESTRELLA AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF  
10   THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING THIS ISSUE. AND OUR BOARD  
11   VOTED TO SUPPORT AN ELECTION AND THEREFORE WE WOULD SUPPORT  
12   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION TO HAVE A DEFINITE DATE FOR  
13   THE ELECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16   NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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18   **ROSA DORIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSA DORIS. I AM HERE  
19   AS TREE PEOPLE REPRESENTATIVE, AS A LATINA, AS A MOTHER, AND  
20   AS A HOMEOWNER. I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE  
21   IT WILL HELP MANY GROUPS TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS THAT NOT ONLY  
22   SUPPORT BUT MAINTAIN CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER AND HEALTHY  
23   COMMUNITIES. COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AND TREES ARE ALL  
24   INTERTWINED TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. AND WATER IS THE  
25   SOURCE THAT GROWS THEM ALL. AS A HOMEOWNER, I UNDERSTAND THE



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1 FRUSTRATION OF NOT WANTING TO PAY MORE FEES. I REALLY DO. BUT  
2 WE ALSO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS NATURAL WONDERFUL  
3 RESOURCE THAT IS GIVEN TO US EVERY SEASON. THIS MEASURE WILL  
4 NOT ONLY HELP CREATE CLEAN WATER, IT HELPS CREATE JOBS, OPEN  
5 SPACE AND WILL REMOVE ASPHALT AND REPLACE THE ASPHALT WITH  
6 TREES AND SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND PARKS. MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
7 HELP MAINTAIN THEM. I STARTED WORKING AT TREE PEOPLE 16 YEARS  
8 AGO. AND AT THAT TIME, LATINAS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS WAS NOT A  
9 COMBO YOU WOULD SEE OFTEN. BUT NOW I SEE IT EVERY DAY JUST  
10 LOOKING BEHIND ME RIGHT NOW AND AROUND THIS ROOM.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

13

14 **ROSA DORIS:** OUR CHILDREN NOT -- I'M SORRY. OUR CHILDREN KNOW  
15 MORE ABOUT RECYCLING, TREE PLANTING AND THE ENVIRONMENT THAN  
16 WE EVER DID AT THEIR AGE. AND THIS IS BECAUSE OF MEASURES LIKE  
17 THIS THAT ARE SUPPORTED.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **ROSA DORIS:** NOW I KNOW THERE ARE COMPETING MOTIONS. AND THAT'S  
22 A GOOD THING. ALL I ASK THAT YOU ENSURE THIS COMES BACK TO  
23 FULL RESOLUTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO WORK OUT REMAINING  
24 ISSUES. IT IS TOO IMPORTANT TO NOT BRING BACK. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.  
2   MA 'AM?

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4   **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** YES. BELINDA FAUSTINOS, AND I AM AN  
5   ALTERNATE COASTAL COMMISSIONER AND RETIRED EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
6   OF THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. AND I WANT TO  
7   SPECIFICALLY URGE THE SUPERVISORS TODAY TO CONSIDER BRINGING  
8   THIS MEASURE BACK WITHIN A TIMELY MANNER. WE HAVE MADE SOME  
9   SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. AND I THINK THAT THE STAKEHOLDERS ARE  
10   ALL POISED TO GET TO A QUICK RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. WE  
11   TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE FACT THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME  
12   OUTSTANDING ISSUES. BUT WE NEED TO, I THINK, MOVE QUICKLY  
13   BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE ARE GOING TO BE FACING SOME ENORMOUS  
14   POTENTIAL FINES AND INCREASED COSTS IF WE DO NOT MOVE ON THIS  
15   MATTER URGENTLY. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS CRITICAL NOT ONLY TO  
16   OUR GENERATION BUT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND WOULD URGE THE  
17   SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER THAT AND ALSO TO CONSIDER OTHER  
18   OPTIONS IN ADDITION TO JUST A GENERAL ELECTION. AS ELECTED  
19   OFFICIALS, YOU'RE ALL VOTED IN BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY. I THINK  
20   THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THAT OPTION, AS WELL, FOR THIS TYPE OF  
21   MEASURE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EFFECTUATE THAT CHANGE. SO THAT  
22   WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION TO ALL OF YOU.

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24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25   GENTLEMEN.



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**BRENT PEICH:** I'M BRENT PEICH, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS. WE ARE A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF BALLONA WETLANDS, AND WE EDUCATE OVER 7,000 VISITORS EACH YEAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS. WE SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. AND WE ALSO SUPPORT SUPERVISORS KNABE AND MOLINA'S MOTIONS ON THE TABLE. WE ALSO WANTED TO COMMEND THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS. AND WE WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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**SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HE HOLDS THE RECORD FOR TESTIMONY AT THIS POINT IN TIME. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SIR, PLEASE PROCEED.

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**RICHARD WATSON:** MY NAME IS RICHARD WATSON. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN WORKING TO GET IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO MAKE THEM MORE FAIR AND BALANCED. TODAY I AM BEFORE YOU REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA STORM WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION. C.S.Q.A. HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS INITIATIVE BECAUSE MANY OF OUR MUNICIPAL MEMBERS HAVE CRITICAL FUNDING PROBLEMS, AND THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME MORE SEVERE BECAUSE THE CURRENT GENERATION OF M.S.4 PERMITS IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE TO IMPLEMENT THAN



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1 PREVIOUS PERMITS. WE COMMEND THIS BOARD AND THE PUBLIC WORKS  
2 STAFF FOR YOUR ONGOING WORK TO TACKLE THIS DIFFICULT TASK.  
3 WHILE WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS  
4 MORE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE A STORM WATER FEE CAN BE  
5 ADOPTED. WE ENCOURAGE YOUR BOARD TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING  
6 TODAY AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER WORK WITH  
7 STAKEHOLDERS, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BUSINESS  
8 COMMUNITY, TO REVISE THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AND THE DRAFT  
9 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO MAKE IT MORE FAIR AND BALANCED AS  
10 PROPOSED IN THE RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, I DO URGE YOU TO KEEP  
11 ALL OF YOUR OPTIONS OPEN. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
14 TESTIMONY. SIMBOA WRIGHT, ADEL HAGE KHALIL, NOAH GARRISON.  
15 RICHARD WATSON. AND CONNER EVERETTS. WE WILL QUICKLY BE AT THE  
16 HOUR OF 1:00 WHEN I WILL POSE A QUESTION FOR YOUR  
17 CONSIDERATION. SIR?

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19 **SIMBOA WRIGHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIMBOA WRIGHT. I AM  
20 AN S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND I ALSO WORK  
21 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SANITATION, I'M A WASTE WATER  
22 COLLECTION WORKER. SO I MAINTAIN THESE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS.  
23 WE HAVE MEN AND WOMEN THAT WORK FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
24 AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT MAINTAINS THE FLOOD CONTROL  
25 SYSTEM. AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES TODAY. WE CANNOT WAIT ON



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1 THIS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE SEE WHAT GOES IN THE SYSTEM.  
2 WE CONTINUE TO WAIT AND WAIT, THEN WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO  
3 OUR FUTURE? LIKE THE L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS, THEY'RE  
4 EDUCATING YOUTH NOW. SO I WAS A CORPS MEMBER, ALSO. SO THE  
5 YOUTH CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE A PUBLIC PLACE THAT'S PUBLIC  
6 HEALTH, EXCUSE ME, THAT'S A HEALTHY PLACE THAT WE CAN LIVE,  
7 PLAY AND WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WANT TO KEEP PEOPLE  
8 HERE. WE DON'T WANT TO RUN THEM OFF. WE DON'T WANT THEM TO  
9 SAY, "OH, THE BEACHES ARE CLOSED HERE." LET'S DO THIS TODAY.  
10 IT'S PUBLIC HEALTH THAT'S AT RISK. IT'S NOT A FEE ON -- IT'S  
11 NOT A TAX ON RAIN WATER. IT'S A TAX ON PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK  
12 YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
15 TESTIMONY. SIR?

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17 **ADEL HAGE KHALIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIR AND  
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADEL HAGE KHALIL. I'M ASSISTANT  
19 GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE BUREAU OF SANITATION, CITY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE  
21 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE MAYOR AND CITY  
22 COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN WATER,  
23 CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ALONG WITH THE  
24 OTHER 87 CITIES IN THE COUNTY, OWE IT TO YOU AND THE COUNTY  
25 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF FOR GREAT DEAL OF APPRECIATION AND



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1 GRATITUDE FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF TAKING THIS ON AND DEALING  
2 WITH STORM WATER POLLUTION AND INTEGRATED WATERSHED AND  
3 REGIONAL WAY PROPOSED IN THIS MEASURE. L.A. AS THE OTHER  
4 CITIES HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW, WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE  
5 LAWS FOR THE WATER QUALITY MANDATES. IF IT'S NOT DONE BY THIS  
6 MEASURE, WE AS CITIES HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DEAL WITH IT. AND  
7 IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY COSTLY AND IT'S NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DO  
8 IT. YOU HAVE TO WORK AND DO IT IN A REGIONAL WATERSHED  
9 APPROACH. WE HAVE SEEN SUCCESSES WHEN WE COME AND DO STUFF IN  
10 A REGIONAL WAY. WE HAVE ONE IN ELMER IN THE VALLEY. WE HAVE A  
11 PROJECT IN GARVANZA IN YOUR DISTRICT SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE  
12 HAVE ONE IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. WE CAN SEE THE BENEFIT. THE  
13 CHALLENGES ARE GREAT BUT THE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE  
14 GREATER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY. GOOD TO SEE YOU. ALL RIGHT. NOW NEXT SPEAKER?

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19 **NOAH GARRISON:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS  
20 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS NOAH GARRISON, I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH  
21 THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. AS YOU'VE HEARD TODAY,  
22 STORM WATER POLLUTION IS THE LEADING SOURCE OF POLLUTION TO  
23 OUR REGION'S WATERS. IT POLLUTES OUR RIVERS, IT CONTRIBUTES TO  
24 THOUSANDS OF BEACH CLOSURES EVERY YEAR. IT SICKENS HUNDREDS OF  
25 THOUSANDS TO MILLIONS OF SWIMMERS AT OUR BEACHES. AT THE SAME



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1 TIME BY DUMPING OUR STORM WATER POLLUTION INTO LOCAL RIVERS  
2 AND OUR BEACHES, WE WASTE BILLIONS UPON BILLIONS OF GALLONS OF  
3 WATER EVERY YEAR THAT WE COULD USE FOR WATER SUPPLY WHILE WE  
4 FACE ONGOING CHALLENGES TO SUPPLY THIS REGION WITH WATER AND  
5 SPEND RESOURCES TO PUMP WATER FROM DISTANT SOURCES THAT ARE  
6 HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY. THIS MEASURE COULD PROVIDE A LOCAL  
7 SOURCE OF WATER. IT COULD CLEAN UP OUR BEACHES AND OUR INLAND  
8 WATERS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR  
9 THIS REGION. IT COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE PARK  
10 SPACE, JOBS AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE REGION AND FOR  
11 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WE URGE THIS BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD  
12 WITH THIS MEASURE, TO ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT AND  
13 POTENTIALLY BRING THIS BACK EITHER TO A BALLOT VOTE OR BY MAIL  
14 VOTE AND TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY. SIR?

18  
19 **CONNER EVERTS:** CONNER EVERTS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATERSHED  
20 ALLIANCE. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I HOPE  
21 TODAY YOU SAY YES TO CLEAN WATER. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY HERE  
22 THAT HAS BEEN MISSED TO REALLY APPROACH THIS AS A REGIONAL  
23 RESPONSIBILITY. MY 82-YEAR-OLD MOTHER LISTENS TO ME, AND MY  
24 CONVERSATIONS ON THESE ISSUES WHILE I DRIVE HER TO WORK ON  
25 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WHERE SHE STILL ACTS AS A SUPERVISOR IN A



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1 COUNSELING CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WHEN SHE LISTENS  
2 TO THIS SHE JUST WONDERS IN HER LIFETIME IS SHE GOING TO SEE  
3 THE CHANGES. THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHERE SHE LIVES IS  
4 FLOODED WHERE WE'VE TAKEN OUT PAVEMENT IN HER BACKYARD. WE'VE  
5 DONE THINGS TO REDUCE OUR LOCAL LOAD BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THE  
6 IMPACT IT HAS. AND LASTLY I WANT TO SAY I LIVE ACROSS THE  
7 STREET FROM THE SMASH SCHOOL HOUSE. WE NOW HAVE A GREEN STREET  
8 ON OCEAN PARK. WE CAN SEE THE EXAMPLES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR  
9 FUTURE JOBS FOR THE YOUTH. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD. I  
10 HEAR THE MOTION WITH THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE A DATE CERTAIN. IF  
11 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE 218 AND THE BALLOT,  
12 PLEASE DO THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
15 TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I DID INDICATE THAT WE ARE  
16 NEARING THE HOUR OF 1:00 AND WANTED TO TEST WITH THE AUDIENCE  
17 THOSE WHO STILL WISH TO BE HEARD, AS IS YOUR RIGHT. AND I WANT  
18 TO ASSERT THAT WITHOUT ANY DEBATE. BUT IF IN FACT YOU DEEM IT  
19 APPROPRIATE TO HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM,  
20 THE BOARD IS PREPARED TO BEGIN ITS DELIBERATION. IF YOU ARE IN  
21 THE SPEAKER QUEUE AND HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR CARD TO BE  
22 HEARD AND IF YOU STILL WISH TO BE HEARD, LET ME ASK YOU -- LET  
23 ME DO IT THIS WAY. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK, IF  
24 YOU WISH TO WAIVE THAT RIGHT TO SPEAK, IF YOU WOULD SIMPLY  
25 GIVE INDICATION OF THAT. ALL RIGHT. WE SEE YOUR HANDS. WE'RE





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1 NOT AS ENCOURAGED AS WE WISH TO BE. ENCOURAGE THE CHAIR IF YOU  
2 WOULD. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GET A SENSE OF OUR TIME HERE. THOSE OF  
3 YOU WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TO HAVE YOUR ONE MINUTE, IF YOU  
4 WOULD RAISE YOUR HAND SO THAT WE COULD SEE WHO YOU ARE. ALL  
5 RIGHT. WE'RE PRETTY GOOD HERE. ALL RIGHT. SO I'M GOING TO CALL  
6 YOUR NAMES, AND IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, YOU COME FORWARD,  
7 OTHERWISE YOU CAN SIMPLY RISE AND SAY MR. CHAIR, I WAIVE. ALL  
8 RIGHT? THANK YOU. TERRY SIGMUND. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? NORMAN  
9 PLOTKIN? DONNA BASAIL? HEIDI MATHER? KATHLEEN TRINITY? ARE ANY  
10 OF THOSE PERSONS HERE AND ARE THEY COMING? ALL RIGHT. THOSE  
11 INDIVIDUALS ARE COMING TO BE HEARD. EACH GROUP THAT I CALL  
12 FORTH, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE LAWS OF PROBABILITY AND THE  
13 PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, AT LEAST ONE OF YOU OUGHT TO WAIVE.  
14 PROCEED, THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

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16 **NORMAN PLOTKIN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'LL BE BRIEF. NORMAN  
17 PLOTKIN, REPRESENTING THE L.K.Q. CORPORATION, THE NATION'S  
18 LARGEST AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET SUPPLIER AND DISTRIBUTOR. WE  
19 SPEND MILLIONS ON STORM WATER TREATMENT, PRIMARY AND  
20 SECONDARY. WE THANK THE STAFF FOR THEIR ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS  
21 THE ISSUES FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY UNDER A STATEWIDE PERMIT,  
22 BUT THE MEASURE NEEDS WORK. SO WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE  
23 YOU. AND WE PLEDGE TO WORK WITH THE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN  
24 COMING UP WITH A PLAN THAT WILL WORK FOR EVERYBODY. THANK YOU.

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1   **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND BOARD. I'M  
2   KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. PLACING THE  
3   FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE SOLELY UPON  
4   PROPERTY OWNERS IS UNFAIR AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IN ACTON, WE  
5   USE WATER SPARINGLY SINCE WE ARE LARGELY ON WELLS. IT TAKES A  
6   WELL A NUMBER OF HOURS TO RECOVER ONCE IT IS PUMPED. SO WE  
7   HAVE A BUILT-IN METHOD OF CONSERVING. WHERE WE DO USE WATER OR  
8   RECEIVE WATER IN THE FORM OF RAIN, IF IT IS NOT COLLECTED FOR  
9   OTHER USE, IT FALLS ON PERMEABLE GROUND. IT IS PURIFIED AS IT  
10  MAKES ITS WAY DOWN THROUGH THE SOIL. ANY WATER ENTERING THE  
11  DRY BED OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER ENTERS FROM THE NATIONAL  
12  FOREST, FOR THE MOST PART. I DOUBT VERY SERIOUSLY WHETHER THE  
13  VAST MAJORITY OF PROPERTIES IN ACTON CONTRIBUTE TO THE WATER  
14  RUNOFF INTO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. MAYBE YOU COULD POINT OUT A  
15  STUDY THAT LETS US KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THIS WATER IS COMING  
16  FROM AND WHERE IT GOES. HAVE YOU DONE ANY STUDIES ON EXACTLY  
17  WHO --

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19   **SUP. KNABE:** TIME'S UP.

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21   **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** CONTRIBUTES TO POLLUTION, I'D BE  
22  APPRECIATIVE IF YOU'D POINT THOSE OUT. THANK YOU.

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24   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP. NEXT.

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1 **DONNA BASAIL:** HI, MY NAME IS DONNA BASAIL, I'M A PROPERTY  
2 OWNER IN AGUA DULCE. NEW JOBS, GREEN JOBS? WHAT ABOUT EXISTING  
3 JOBS THAT WILL LEAVE OR CLOSE BECAUSE OF FEES? FROM \$15,000  
4 AND UP PER YEAR. IF THIS IS SUCH A WONDERFUL PROGRAM, WHY  
5 DON'T YOU PROPOSE THIS AS A SALES TAX FOR EVERY SINGLE  
6 RESIDENT AND VISITOR AND LET EVERYONE PAY INSTEAD OF JUST OUR  
7 BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS? NO ONE SHOULD BE EXEMPT. TELL  
8 THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS WE DON'T HAVE MONEY TO FUND  
9 THEIR PROGRAMS. THROW THIS MEASURE OUT. DON'T START OVER WITH  
10 A TAX ON PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESSES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY PROCEED.

13

14 **HEIDI MATHER:** HI, MY NAME IS HEIDI MATHER AND I'M THE OWNER  
15 REPRESENTATIVE OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 244-APARTMENT COMMUNITY  
16 IN WOODLAND HILLS. I SUPPORT BOTH MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
17 PRESENTED THIS MORNING WITH THE ADDITION OF THE CONCEPT THAT  
18 SOMEONE PROPOSED EARLIER THAT THERE BE A FEE EXEMPTION PROCESS  
19 FOR PARCELS WHICH ALREADY PROVIDE STORM WATER MITIGATION  
20 MEASURES ON SITE. A PRIOR SPEAKER SAID WE ALL NEED TO PAY FOR  
21 THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES THAT WE HAVE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND  
22 THAT'S TRUE. WE HAVE PAID. PRIOR TO SECURING OUR BUILDING  
23 PERMITS, WE WERE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COULD COSTLY STORM WATER  
24 MITIGATION MEASURES ON OUR PROJECT RESULTING IN AN ADDITIONAL  
25 CONSTRUCTION COST OF OVER 500,000 COSTS THAN IF WE HAD SECURED



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1 OUR PERMITS A FEW MONTHS EARLIER. SO WE HAVE ALREADY PAID THE  
2 FEE. IN FACT, THAT WOULD BE OVER 50 YEARS OF PAYING THE FEE ON  
3 OUR PIECE OF PROPERTY. SO WE BELIEVE WE SHOULDN'T BE REQUIRED  
4 TO PAY THIS FEE BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY CLEANING OUR WATER ON  
5 SITE. WE'VE ALREADY PUT IN THE MITIGATION MEASURES AT OVER  
6 \$500,000 ADDITIONAL COST. IT WOULD BE DOUBLE DIPPING, WE  
7 BELIEVE. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE THE FEE EXEMPTION CONCEPT SHOULD  
8 BE EXPLORED AND THAT THAT WOULD BE FAIR IN OUR CASE. AND THEN  
9 I ALSO SUBMITTED A LETTER FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR DOING BOTH. ALL  
12 RIGHT. MARGARET CLARK. PAUL HERZOG. LUIS CABRALES. MELANIE  
13 WINTER. PATRICIA ELKINS. MARGARET CLARK, ALBERTO TREVINO.  
14 PLEASE REMEMBER THE LAWS OF PROBABILITY, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF  
15 DEMOCRACY. PROCEED, MA'AM?

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17 **MARGARET CLARK:** AM I ON?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE.

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21 **MARGARET CLARK:** I'M MARGARET CLARK, I'M COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE  
22 CITY OF ROSEMEAD AND WE DO TAKE A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO  
23 THIS. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOLINA-KNABE  
24 RESOLUTION AND NOT PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AS IN SUPERVISOR  
25 YAROSLAVSKY. THE REASON IS WE UNDERSTAND AS CITIES THAT WE ARE



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1 GOING TO BE SOCKED WITH THE COST OF CLEANUP OF THE STORM  
2 WATER. BUT WE WANT IT TO BE DONE RIGHT. IF WE THROW MONEY AT  
3 IT AND IT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, WE'RE GOING TO BE  
4 THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO BE SADDLED WITH THE COST. AND WE  
5 HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE VOTERS AND SAY WE DIDN'T DO IT RIGHT,  
6 WE NEED MORE MONEY. AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO DO IT. SO  
7 I'M REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS. I WAS IN THE INFAMOUS  
8 SEPTEMBER 11TH I WAS BEGGING, I WAS IN SACRAMENTO BEGGING THE  
9 WATER BOARD TO USE A COMPREHENSIVE COMMON SENSE APPROACH. AND  
10 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE WATER BOARD PEOPLE THAT WERE HERE  
11 TODAY IF WE DO THIS, MOST OF THESE PROJECTS I UNDERSTAND ARE  
12 RETAINING WATER ON SITE, AND THAT'S GREAT FOR OUR WATER  
13 SUPPLY. BUT IF THEY'RE STILL SOME OF THE 32 POLLUTANTS IN IT,  
14 ARE WE GOING TO GET OFF? I DON'T THINK SO. SO PLEASE DO IT  
15 RIGHT. DON'T DO IT BEFORE WE HAVE IT RIGHT OR WE'RE ALL GOING  
16 TO LOSE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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21 **PATRICIA ELKINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA ELKINS, I  
22 AM A STORM WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF  
23 CARSON. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR HERE  
24 AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO REAFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WATER  
25 QUALITY FUNDING INITIATIVE VOTER PROCESS. THE CITY OF CARSON



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1 ADOPTED A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT WITHOUT PROTEST. IN FACT OUR  
2 LAND OWNERS ARE VERY PROACTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS. THEY  
3 DESERVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE  
4 TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTIONS TO WATER QUALITY POLLUTION. THE  
5 CITY OF CARSON HAS OF ALL CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
6 BEEN GIVEN THE MOST RESTRICTIVE AND COMPLEX -- PERMIT IN THE  
7 NATION. WE AS CITIES HAVE HAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE TO  
8 MAKE UNPOPULAR CHOICES JUST TO KEEP OUR CITIES RUNNING. NOW  
9 IT'S YOUR TURN TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION TO GIVE THE LAND  
10 OWNERS IN OUR CITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.  
11 TAKE THE ACTION NEEDED TODAY. CLOSE THE HEARING. ALLOW 60 TO  
12 90 DAYS TO MAKE CHANGES TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE  
13 STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE RECOGNIZE THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CHANGES  
14 MADE. AND BRING IT BACK FOR APPROVAL IN TIME FOR IT TO BE  
15 HEARD AND PUT TO A VOTE NO LATER THAN JUNE 2014. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

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19 **LUIS CABRALES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH HONORABLE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUIS CABRALES, I AM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
21 MANAGER AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. TODAY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS  
22 AND BUSINESSES ALIKE FACE A MAJOR SECURITY ISSUE. TWO-THIRDS  
23 OF OUR WATER IS IMPORTED. IN LOS ANGELES ALONE, MORE THAN 80  
24 PERCENT OF THE WATER WE CONSUME IS BEING IMPORTED TODAY. THIS  
25 ALONE SHOULD BE THE MAIN REASON TO INVEST IN A STABLE SOURCE



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1 OF LOCAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT INVESTMENT  
2 REQUIRES FUNDING. WE CAN WAIT THAT MANY YEARS TO MAKE THAT  
3 INVESTMENT, BUT THE URGENCY WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW,  
4 ESPECIALLY AS CLIMATE CHANGE CONTINUES TO THREATEN OUR CURRENT  
5 SOURCES OF WATER, SUCH AS THE DELTA AND THE OWENS VALLEY. WE  
6 HAVE NOT ADDRESSED THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE TODAY. TO AVOID PAYING  
7 FOR THIS INVESTMENTS NOW BECAUSE IT'S NOT A POPULAR DECISION  
8 DOESN'T HELP TAXPAYERS, EITHER. THE MORE WE WAIT, THE MORE  
9 THESE WILL COST IN THE FUTURE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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13 **LUIS CABRALES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

16

17 **ALBERTO TREVINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR  
18 THE TIME, MY NAME IS ALBERTO TREVINO, BORN AND RAISED HERE IN  
19 L.A., A SURFER. I DON'T SURF THE BEACHES IN L.A. COUNTY, I GO  
20 DOWN TO CARLSBAD BECAUSE THE WATER'S CLEAN THERE. THAT BEING  
21 SAID, I DO WANT TO FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR ATTENTION ON  
22 THE REAL SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM, WHICH IS NOT LAND. LAND IS  
23 FIXED. IT DOESN'T GROW WITH POPULATION GROWTH. IF I CAN TAKE  
24 YOU BACK 200 YEARS AGO, 200 YEARS AGO THERE WAS NO POLLUTION  
25 PROBLEM. WHY? BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ANY PEOPLE. THERE WEREN'T





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1 ANY MASSES. NOW WE HAVE THE MASSES. THE PROPERTIES ARE NOT  
2 GOING TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH. THAT'S NOT THE SOLUTION. THE  
3 SOLUTION IS TO HAVE EVERYBODY PARTICIPATE BECAUSE WE NEED TO  
4 CHANGE PEOPLE'S HABITS. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY HERE  
5 THAT WOULD AGREE THAT THEY WANT FILTHY ROADS, FILTHY STREETS,  
6 FILTHY RIVERS OR BEACHES. AND IN ORDER TO GET THEM TO  
7 PARTICIPATE, WE HAVE TO HAVE THEM PAY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. THANKS FOR  
10 YOUR TIME AND YOUR TESTIMONY.

11

12 **ALBERTO TREVINO:** AND IF I COULD SUBMIT A MORE DETAILED.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE DO SO. THE SERGEANT WILL  
15 TAKE THAT FROM YOU. ALL RIGHT. AFTER YOU, WE WILL HEAR FROM  
16 ERIC PREVEN, PEDRO SALCIDO, JEFF WHEELER, MICHELLE WEINER, AND  
17 VAIKKO ALLEN. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHEN I CALL YOUR  
18 NAME, ANYONE WISHING TO WAIVE, YOU CAN SIMPLY SO INDICATE.  
19 MA'AM, YOUR NAME.

20

21 **MELANIE WINTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN. MY  
22 NAME IS MELANIE WINTER. I'M AT THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE  
23 RIVER PROJECT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN  
24 THIS, MR. CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS. WE SUPPORT STRONGLY MOVING  
25 FORWARD WITH THIS POSITIVE ACTION ON THIS EXTREMELY CRITICAL



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1    ISSUE AND THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO THE  
2    STAKEHOLDERS AND TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DIRECTING PUBLIC  
3    WORKS TO ADDRESS MANY OF THEIR KEY CONCERNS. THE MOTIONS ON  
4    THE TABLE MAY PROVIDE TIME FOR THE MUCH NEEDED COLLABORATIVE  
5    FORUM WE NEED TO WORK THROUGH THE FINER DETAILS AND EDUCATE  
6    EACH OTHER ABOUT OUR ISSUES. THERE IS A LOT OF COMMON GROUND,  
7    AS YOU'VE HEARD TODAY BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL, BUSINESS AND  
8    LABOR SPECTRUMS. TWO THINGS SEEM APPARENT FROM ALL THE DIVERSE  
9    COMMENTS YOU'VE HEARD TODAY. ONE, THAT PEOPLE WANT AND HAVE  
10   THE RIGHT TO EXPECT A MORE COLLABORATIVE, INCLUSIVE AND  
11   TRANSPARENT PROCESS FROM THE COUNTY. THE MOTION TO HAVE THE  
12   REGIONAL BOARD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEADING UP THAT PROCESS  
13   MISSES AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THESE COLLABORATIVE  
14   SKILLS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITSELF. I URGE  
15   THE BOARD NOT TO ENTIRELY CEDE THIS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE  
16   STAKEHOLDER PROCESS. TWO, THAT THE DIVERSE VOICES SPEAKING IN  
17   SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE ALL SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AS  
18   MUCH ABOUT WATER SUPPLY AS IT IS ABOUT WATER QUALITY. AND A  
19   MEASURE THAT RECOGNIZES THAT --

20  
21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

22  
23   **MELANIE WINTER:** IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, DEVELOPING  
24   SECURE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IS WHERE THE TOPIC SHOULD BE FACED  
25   NOW WILL GAIN BROADER SUPPORT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH, LIKE THAT? I SEE.

3

4 **MELANIE WINTER:** I WAS SO CLOSE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE YOU DONE?

7

8 **MELANIE WINTER:** YES, I AM. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM? DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? THANK

12 YOU. MA'AM?

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVANCE HER?

15

16 **MICHELLE WEINER:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE WEINER, I'M WITH

17 TRANSITION CULVER CITY AND I LIVE IN CULVER CITY, I'M A

18 HOMEOWNER. OUR GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING, WE'RE AN ENVIRONMENTAL

19 GROUP. AND WE'VE BEEN DOING A LOT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO

20 REMOVE THEIR LAWNS, CONSERVE WATER, WATER HARVESTING, AND

21 PUTTING IN DROUGHT TOLERANT AND FOOD-PRODUCING GARDENS. MY

22 MAIN PROBLEM WITH THIS IS THAT I REALLY HAVEN'T HEARD ANY

23 CONVERSATION ABOUT ONE OF THE MAJOR POLLUTERS IN OUR AREA,

24 P.X.P. ON THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. THEY HAVE -- THEY COLLECT

25 STORM WATER, I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE, IN BASINS. AND THEY HAVE



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1 PETITIONED THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD TO BE ABLE TO RELEASE  
2 WATER FROM THOSE BASINS TO THE TUNE OF MILLIONS OF GALLONS  
3 THAT GO DIRECTLY INTO BALLONA CREEK, OUR LOCAL CREEK,  
4 UNTREATED, UNPROCESSED. SO WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHERE IS  
5 THE PROCESS WHERE THEY WILL BE FORCED TO PAY TO PUT THAT  
6 WATER, DIVERT IT INTO A TREATMENT PLANT RATHER THAN GOING  
7 DIRECTLY INTO OUR CREEK? INSTEAD, YOU'RE ASKING HOMEOWNERS WHO  
8 ARE ALREADY DOING MITIGATIONS TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY SHOULD BE  
9 DOING WITH DUE DILIGENCE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
12 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

13

14 **MICHELLE WEINER:** I JUST WANT TO INVITE THE SUPERVISORS TO COME  
15 TO A FRACKING SEMINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE IMPORTANT  
16 ISSUES. IT'S AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE ON MARCH 21.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CHAIR IS LOSING  
20 HIS GRIP ON THE MEETING. [LAUGHTER.] AS SPEAKERS ARE TAKING  
21 FULL ADVANTAGE OF A WEAKENING CHAIR. BUT BE THAT AS IT MAY,  
22 I'M GOING TO REGAIN MY STRENGTH MOMENTARILY. NEXT SPEAKER,  
23 PLEASE. SIR?

24



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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT IS ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
2   DISTRICT 3. AND THANK YOU SIR FOR YOUR CHEERFUL DEMEANOR TODAY  
3   DURING THIS PROCESS.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, NEXT  
6   SPEAKER. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8   **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL PLAYED, SIR. WELL PLAYED. THE BOARD OF  
9   SUPERVISORS IS FACING AN INTERESTING DECISION HERE THAT I  
10   THINK YOU WERE TRYING TO CONVEY IS A NON-DECISION, THAT'S  
11   WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THIS IS GOING TO BE PUSHED DOWN THE  
12   ROAD, WHICH OF COURSE IN ONE SENSE IS GOOD. SUPERVISOR  
13   YAROSLAVSKY'S ASKED THAT IT BE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THE  
14   14TH OF JUNE 2014 OR NOVEMBER 2014 THAT WE DEAL WITH IT. HOW  
15   DO WE DEAL WITH IT? WELL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS I  
16   THINK NEEDS TO BE RELIEVED. I'M NOT NECESSARILY EMBRACING THE  
17   REGIONAL WATER BOARD ENTIRELY BECAUSE I THINK BOTH THESE  
18   ORGANIZATIONS ARE GUILTY AS CHARGED. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT THE  
19   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PERHAPS COMMITTED TO CLEANING  
20   UP THIS PROBLEM. WHY NOT EMBARK ON A MORE TRANSPARENT PROCESS?  
21   BECAUSE I THINK EVERYONE AGREES FROM THE KOOKY MAILER TO THE  
22   LACK OF SPECIFICS, THIS HAS NOT GONE WELL I THINK IS A FAIR  
23   ASSESSMENT. AND I THINK THAT SINCE IT'S A VERY SERIOUS  
24   PROBLEM, WE OUGHT TO ENJOIN THE WATER DISTRICTS AND WATER  
25   AGENCIES WHO ARE ALL STUFFING MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS AS FAST



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1 AS THEY CAN TO STEP UP AND INVEST IN THIS PROCESS. THERE IS  
2 MORE WATER, IF I'M CORRECT, IN RUNOFF THAN WE IMPORT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
5 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

6

7 **PEDRO SALCIDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. PEDRO SALCIDO WITH THE LOS  
8 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M SUBMITTING A LETTER ON  
9 BEHALF OF --

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THERE YOU GO.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I'M SUBMITTING A LETTER ON BEHALF OF SUPERINTENDENT  
14 JOHN DAISY, PEDRO SALCIDO, THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECENT  
16 EFFORTS LED BY THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO ENGAGE THE  
17 VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IMPACTED BY THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED CLEAN  
18 WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. ALTHOUGH THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY  
19 STAFF HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED A FINAL SOLUTION FOR BOTH PARTIES,  
20 WE ARE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF THE COMMITMENTS THEY HAVE  
21 DEMONSTRATED WHILE WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT. I CAN REPORT  
22 TODAY THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN  
23 ADDRESSING THE FISCAL AND PROGRAMMATIC CONCERNS RAISED BY THE  
24 DISTRICT. AS SUCH, THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
25 REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO TEACHING



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1 OUR CHILDREN TO BE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH AND TO PRESERVING OUR  
2 BEACHES AND OCEANS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE FUTURE. WE LOOK  
3 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BE AN ACTIVE STAKEHOLDER IN THE  
4 COUNTY'S ENDEAVOR TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF STORM WATER RUNOFF  
5 IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS  
6 MATTER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
9 SIR. SIR? PLEASE PROCEED.

10

11 **VAIKKO ALLEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS VAIKKO ALLEN, THE  
12 REGULATORY DIRECTOR FOR CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS. I WANT  
13 TO JUST SIMPLY STATE MY SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE WITH  
14 CHANGES ON THE TOPICS THAT WERE MENTIONED BY THE COUNTY IN  
15 THEIR OPENING PRESENTATION. AND I ALSO WANT TO JUST POINT OUT  
16 A COUPLE OF BASIC FACTS. ONE IS THAT WE HAVE AN M.S.4 PERMIT  
17 THAT HAS CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS IN IT. THIS IS REALLY NOT A  
18 REFERENDUM ABOUT THAT. THIS IS HOW DO WE PAY FOR IT? AND  
19 THROUGHOUT THE M.S.4 PERMIT HEARINGS, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT  
20 THERE ARE GOING TO BE NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE NEEDED TO MEET  
21 THOSE OBLIGATIONS IN THAT PERMIT. ALSO, I JUST WANTED TO POINT  
22 OUT THAT THIS EFFORT IS NOT UNIQUE IN ANY WAY. THERE ARE  
23 LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF STORM WATER UTILITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY  
24 THAT ARE BRINGING IN REVENUE TO DEAL WITH STORM WATER  
25 PROBLEMS. WE NEED TO BE DOING THAT, AS WELL. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO CALL  
3 WESTON LABAR, CHRISTIAN FRERE, DAVID EVANS, MILTON GOFFMAN,  
4 ELIZABETH BILLET. YOUR NAME, SIR?

5

6 **JEFF WHEELER:** I'M JEFF WHEELER, A RESIDENT OF THE SANTA  
7 CLARITA AREA. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, PARTICULARLY MICHAEL  
8 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, PHIL DUDAR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
9 WORKS FOR THE CONTINUING EFFORTS IN THE AREA. I ASK YOU,  
10 PLEASE OPEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STORM WATER POLLUTION  
11 PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH A SERIES OF LOCAL  
12 PUBLIC MEETINGS. OUTREACH MEETINGS INCLUDING TRAINING ON WHAT  
13 CITIZENS CAN DO, AT LEAST IN EACH CITY AND TOWN AND EACH  
14 WATERSHED. PLEASE INVOLVE VOLUNTEERS AND EXPERIENCED  
15 PROFESSIONALS IN ALL OF THESE AREAS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
18 TESTIMONY.

19

20 **WESTON LABAR:** YES, I'M WESTON LABAR, I'M HERE TODAY  
21 REPRESENTING THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REDONDO  
22 BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION CHAMBERS OF  
23 COMMERCE AND THE TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
24 COALITION, AND RESPECTFULLY ALL FOUR OF US SUPPORT THE



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1 KNABE/MOLINA MOTION WITHOUT THE YAROSLAVSKY AMENDMENT. THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **CHRISTIAN FRERE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN  
7 FRERE. I REPRESENT THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS  
8 ANGELES. SO I REPRESENT THE GREATER LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION  
9 THAT OUR CHAIRMAN KNOWS VERY WELL.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED.

12

13 **CHRISTIAN FRERE:** AND OBVIOUSLY WE ARE AGAINST ANOTHER TAX. WE  
14 ARE OVERWHELMED BY FEES, TAXES, INSPECTION, REGULATION. IT  
15 NEVER STOP. YOU DON'T KNOW. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE WHAT WE HAVE TO  
16 DEAL WITH. BUT MORE THAN THAT, WHAT WORRIES ME -- AND YOU  
17 SHOULD SEE THAT I AM FROM ANOTHER PLANET BY MY ACCENT -- THAT  
18 CALIFORNIA --

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.

21

22 **CHRISTIAN FRERE:** -- IS LOSING BUSINESS. SO IF IT GOES ON LIKE  
23 THAT, WE ARE IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER STATES. OUR GROUP BUILT  
24 FIVE HOTELS, THE SOFITEL, AND SO ON, IN CALIFORNIA. BUT IS  
25 SUCH, SO DIFFICULT TO MAKE IT -- SO NOW WE HAVE TO LOOK IN



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1 OTHER STATES. SAME FOR APARTMENT BUILDING. ALL MY BUILDINGS  
2 ARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WILL CONTINUE TO DO MORE. THEY ARE A  
3 BY-PRODUCT OF THE HOTEL BECAUSE I NEED, THEY NOT PAY VERY  
4 MUCH. SO, ANYWAY, PLEASE VOTE NO. IT WILL BE DETERRENT. THE  
5 TENANTS WILL NOT LIKE IT BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT PUT PRESSURE ON  
6 THE OWNER TO INCREASE THE RENT. THEY KNOW IT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **CHRISTIAN FRERE:** BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE POSITIVE. WE HAVE A  
11 MAGAZINE, AND WE PRINT 40,000 SAMPLE. IF WE COULD PRINT AN  
12 ARTICLE HELPING TO HELP POLLUTION, WE WILL DO IT. IF THERE'S  
13 ANY ARTICLE COMING FROM THE BUREAU OF SANITATION OR WHATEVER,  
14 WE'LL DO IT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **CHRISTIAN FRERE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
21 SIR. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WISHING TO BE HEARD. SIR?  
22 MA'AM?

23

24 **ELIZABETH BILLET:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH BILLET FROM ACTON,  
25 CALIFORNIA. I'M A CO-OWNER OF BLOOM RANCH ALONG WITH MY



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1 HUSBAND. MY GRANDFATHER HOMESTEADED THE RANCH IN 1891. WE HAVE  
2 BEEN PAYING FOR FLOOD CONTROL TAXES FOREVER. WE HAVE NOT HAD  
3 ANY FLOOD CONTROL WORK IN OUR AREA. THE SANTA CLARA RIVER  
4 FLOWS ACROSS OUR PROPERTY. WE OWN 150 ACRES. WE, SINCE 2006,  
5 WE HAVE HAD TO BELONG TO THE AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATED LANDS  
6 GROUP. WE PAY A FEE FOR THIS EVERY YEAR. THIS NEW FEE WILL  
7 TRIPLE TAXES. I WOULD URGE YOU TO EXCLUDE THE ACTON AND AQUA  
8 DULCE AREAS FROM THIS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FEE. WE DO  
9 NOT CONTRIBUTE THAT MUCH TO THE POLLUTION. THE MOST POLLUTION  
10 WE'VE EVER SEEN IN THE RIVER WAS DEBRIS FROM THE STATION FIRE  
11 THAT FLOWED DOWN THE RIVER. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE  
14 APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

15

16 **DAVID EVANS:** YES, MY NAME IS DAVID EVANS. I'M WITH THE WESTERN  
17 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION. I REPRESENT  
18 MOBILE HOME PARK OWNERS. AND I'M ALSO PART OF THE BIZFED  
19 COALITION. WE'RE IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUSINESS. AND THERE  
20 ARE 540 MOBILE HOME PARKS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MOST  
21 OF THEM ARE OWNED BY FAMILIES AND ARE SMALL BUSINESSES. MANY  
22 ARE DESIGNATED AS SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING. DESPITE THE FACT  
23 THAT MOBILE HOME PARKS ARE NEEDED, WE'RE AN INDUSTRY THAT'S IN  
24 DECLINE BECAUSE OF FEES AND REGULATIONS. ONE OF OUR BIG ISSUES  
25 IS RENT CONTROL. THERE ARE 111 RENT CONTROL ORDINANCES



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1 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, 13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
2 THERE ARE 186 MOBILE HOME PARKS THAT ARE UNDER MOBILE HOME  
3 PARK RENT CONTROL AND ALMOST 17,000 SPACES. AND ACCORDING TO  
4 STATE LAW, WE CANNOT PASS THIS FEE THROUGH. ONE PARK OWNER  
5 CALLED ME AND SAID HIS FEE IS 20,000 IN ONE PARK AND 36,000 IN  
6 ANOTHER. HE CAN'T PASS IT THROUGH BECAUSE HE'S UNDER RENT  
7 CONTROL. WE WOULD URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU  
8 VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
11 TESTIMONY. CARL BOYER, JAMES ALAMILLO, JOE GEEVER. ANNE-MARIE  
12 OTEY. ALIX HOBBS, IF YOU WOULD COME AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I  
13 SEE NO PERSONS COMING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE. I'M GOING TO  
14 CALL ADDITIONAL PERSONS. LARRY STEELE. DON HENRY. JIM  
15 D'ANGELO. CARMILLIS NOLTEMAYER. VIRGINIA APPLEN. SIR, PLEASE  
16 PROCEED.

17

18 **JOE GEEVER:** MY NAME'S JOE GEEVER, I'M A WATER PROGRAMS MANAGER  
19 FOR SURF RIDER FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL OFFICE. WE URGE THE BOARD  
20 TO MOVE THE MEASURE FORWARD AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
21 YOU AND YOUR STAFF TO FINALIZE IMPORTANT DETAILS OF THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAY. SWIMMABLE AND  
23 DRINKABLE ARE GOALS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT WE'RE FAR FROM  
24 FULFILLING 40 YEARS AFTER THE LAW WAS PASSED. THIS MEASURE IS  
25 A CRITICAL STEP OF FINALLY ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS. SO WE HEAR



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1 COMPLAINTS THE FEE IS TOO EXPENSIVE. OTHERS SAY IT'S TOO  
2 LITTLE. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES  
3 WILL CERTAINLY COST MORE MONEY, BUT CONSERVATION AND NATURAL  
4 GROUND WATER RECHARGE ARE THE CHEAPEST WAY TO MINIMIZE EVER  
5 INCREASING COSTS OF POTABLE WATER. AND WATER POLLUTION NOT  
6 ONLY AFFECTS OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE, IT CAN DRAMATICALLY UNDERMINE ECONOMIC  
8 GROWTH. THAT'S WHY WE BELIEVE IF WE CAN FINALIZE THE DETAILS,  
9 THIS IS A WIN/WIN/WIN MEASURE THAT CAN PROVIDE MULTIPLE  
10 BENEFITS TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY. THANK  
11 YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

14

15 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JAMES ALAMILLO, RESIDENT  
16 AND HOMEOWNER IN CULVER CITY. SIMPLY PUT, I SUPPORT THE  
17 MEASURE MOVING FORWARD, SPECIFICALLY OR ESPECIALLY WITH  
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT. AND I WOULD SIMPLY WANT TO  
19 URGE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO CUT THE TIME DOWN EVEN MORE TO  
20 TRY TO GET THIS PASSED BEFORE JUNE OF 2014. BUT THANK YOU FOR  
21 THE TIME.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. AND THANK YOU  
24 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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1   **JIM D'ANGELO:** HI, I'M JIM D'ANGELO, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL  
2   PROPERTY OWNER. WE OPPOSE THE MEASURE AND WISH THAT IT DOES  
3   NOT GO FURTHER, ANY FURTHER. THIS IS A SHARED BENEFIT. IT'S A  
4   SHARED GENERAL BENEFIT AND A SHARED COST. AND WE THINK IT'S  
5   INAPPROPRIATE TO KEEP SELECTIVELY ADDING THESE VOTER  
6   INDEBTEDNESS AND DIRECT ASSESSMENTS TO JUST COMMERCIAL AND  
7   RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, IT'S  
8   RADICALLY HIGH, IT'S ACTUALLY 10 TO 15 TIMES WHAT IT IS ON THE  
9   RESIDENTS. I THINK THE APPROPRIATE THING TO DO, SINCE WE'RE  
10   ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, IS PUT A TAX, IF IT MUST GO FORWARD, ON  
11   THE PRODUCTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY CAUSING THE PROBLEM. YOU KNOW  
12   WHAT THE PRODUCTS ARE. IT'S YOUR OILS, YOUR CANDY WRAPPERS,  
13   YOUR SOFT DRINKS AND WHATNOTS. PROPERTY OWNERS CANNOT CONTROL  
14   WHAT PEOPLE DO WITH THEIR WASTE; THEY CAN'T DO IT. BUT THE  
15   APPROPRIATE THING IS, IS TO TAX THE PRODUCT THAT PEOPLE ARE  
16   ACTUALLY PURCHASING. ALSO, THE ONES THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
17   IT WILL BE PAYING FOR IT. THEY'LL BE MORE AWARE OF WHAT TO DO  
18   WITH THE PROBLEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
21   TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23   **DON HENRY:** HI, I'M DON HENRY FROM THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL.  
24   IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION AT THE WEBSITE, IT SAYS HOW  
25   LONG HAS THE WATER QUALITY AND STORM WATER RUNOFF BEEN A





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1 PROBLEM? THE ANSWER IS IN ITS NATURAL STATE HUNDREDS OF YEARS  
2 AGO, OPEN SPACE IN THE L.A. AREA WOULD HAVE ABSORBED MOST RAIN  
3 WATER INTO THE GROUND WHICH GETS NATURALLY FILTERED AND  
4 CLEANSED AS IT PERCOLATES DOWN INTO THE GROUNDWATER. OVER THE  
5 YEARS, URBAN DEVELOPMENT HAS ADDED HARD SURFACES THAT NOW  
6 RESULT IN WATER RUSHING ALONG STREETS, PICKING UP TRASH AND  
7 POLLUTION AS IT FLOWS. UNLIKE THE WILDEN STUDY MODEL, AGUA  
8 DULCE IS 99.6 PERCENT THE SAME AS IT WAS 200 YEARS AGO.  
9 ADDITIONALLY, OUR REGION RECEIVES ONLY 25 TO 50 PERCENT OF THE  
10 RAINFALL THAT THE REST OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECEIVES. YET THE  
11 WILDEN MODEL DOES NOT TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. THE STUDY AND  
12 TAX AMOUNT MUST BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THESE TRUTHS. THANK YOU  
13 VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM, THE  
16 FLOOR IS YOURS.

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18 **CARMILLIS NOLTEMEYER:** CARMILLIS NOLTEMEYER, I'M A RESIDENT OF  
19 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THE SCOPE GROUP  
20 THAT TESTIFIED TODAY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SCOPE GROUP IN  
21 THE CITY OR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THIS ASSESSMENT AS IT  
22 STANDS TODAY HAS TO BE CANCELED TODAY. IT WAS FLAWED FROM THE  
23 VERY BEGINNING IN EVERY RESPECT THAT EVERYONE HAS REITERATED  
24 TIME AND TIME AGAIN. ACTUALLY, YOU DON'T NEED ANOTHER TAX. I  
25 DON'T THINK THAT YOU REALIZE THAT RAIN IS FREE WHEN IT COMES



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1 DOWN BUT AS SOON AS IT HITS THE GROUND, IT'S GOLD. WATER IS  
2 THE NEW GOLD OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND ALL OF YOUR WATER  
3 AGENCIES ARE DROOLING OVER THE IDEA OF GETTING THIS STORM  
4 WATER TAKEOVER OF THAT FOR THEIR WATER AGENCIES. SO I DON'T  
5 KNOW WHY THE PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY THAT YOU HAVE HASN'T DONE  
6 THAT. ONE OTHER GENTLEMAN SAID THAT THE CLEANUP AGENCIES EVEN  
7 MAKE MONEY. SO WHY ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A NEW TAX? NO NEW  
8 TAXES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT  
11 COMPLETES THE -- THESE ARE THOSE WHO I PREVIOUSLY CALLED.  
12 THEREFORE I WILL CALL LAURA HARTZELL, LAUREN AMIMOTO. SHAHARAM  
13 KHARAGHANI. DAVID FINK. SUSIE SANTILENA? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.  
14 MA'AM, YOU MAY COME FORWARD AND BE HEARD. MA'AM, YOU SHOULD  
15 COME RIGHT HERE AND BE HEARD. GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE. CALLING  
16 NOW ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS. RAY BILLET, MELVIN MATTHEWS. LORENE  
17 SAYLOR, MARIA MEHRANIAN, AND GREG KIMURA. THOSE PERSONS SHOULD  
18 COME FORWARD PLEASE. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

19

20 **LAUREN AMIMOTO:** HI, MY NAME IS LAUREN AMIMOTO, REPRESENTING  
21 THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD A  
22 LETTER FROM OUR MAYOR, MAYOR BUTTS. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF  
23 INGLEWOOD, I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN  
24 BEACHES MEASURE. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACHIEVING CLEAN WATER  
25 ARE ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE BILLIONS FOR L.A. COUNTY. THE



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1 CITY'S SHARE ALONE CAN EASILY BE IN THE MILLIONS. THE CITY IS  
2 CURRENTLY IN AN ECONOMIC STATE WHERE IT CANNOT SHOULDER THE  
3 ADDED COSTS OF ACHIEVING CLEAN WATER. THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN  
4 BEACH MEASURE IS A VALUABLE REVENUE SOURCE THAT WILL PROVIDE  
5 LONG TERM FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND EFFORTS THAT IMPROVE WATER  
6 QUALITY. CURRENTLY COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT  
7 DISCHARGE AND ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE  
8 WITH THE FUNDS THAT THE CITY HAS AVAILABLE. THE CITY IS  
9 DEDICATED TO IMPROVING WATER QUALITY, BUT IT'S CURRENTLY IN A  
10 BIND BECAUSE GENERAL FUNDS ARE LIMITED AND MANY RESIDENTS  
11 DEPEND ON THE VITAL SERVICES THAT THE CITY PROVIDES. THESE  
12 VITAL SERVICES COULD BE TAKEN AWAY IF THE CITY IS FORCED TO  
13 PAY FOR APPROVING WATER QUALITY ALONE. THE CITY RESPECTFULLY  
14 URGES THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THE  
15 CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE AND ASSIST CITIES BY  
16 PROVIDING THE ESSENTIAL FUNDING NEEDED DESPERATELY BY ALL  
17 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY TO COMPLY WITH COSTLY STORM WATER  
18 REGULATIONS AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE REGION. THE CITY  
19 ADOPTED RESOLUTION 12108 ON JULY 16, 2012, ENDORSING THE LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT INITIATIVE.

21  
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23  
24 **LAUREN AMIMOTO:** AND IT SUPPORTS PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
3 THANK THE MAYOR. WE NOW TURN TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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5 **MELVIN MATTHEWS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. I'M MEL  
6 MATTHEWS. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KINNELOA IRRIGATION  
7 DISTRICT, AND OUR BOARD PASSED A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE  
8 MEASURE. I JUST URGE YOUR VOTE ON THE KNABE-MOLINA RESOLUTION  
9 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT  
12 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUSIE SANTILENA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SUSIE SANTILENA. I'M A  
15 RESIDENT AT INGLEWOOD. WAIT, I SAID THAT WRONG. INGEL-WOOD.  
16 AND I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT I'M IN SUPPORT OF MOVING  
17 FORWARD WITH THE ELECTION ON THIS MEASURE AND WITH THE MEASURE  
18 IN GENERAL. I DON'T SEE THIS MEASURE AS A TAX. I SEE IT AS AN  
19 INVESTMENT IN A CLEAN, LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE. AND AT  
20 MY HOUSE, WE'VE ALREADY REMOVED ALL OF OUR LAWN, WE PUT IN TWO  
21 RAIN BARRELS WITH THE HELP OF S.M.B.R.C. AND WE'VE REDUCED OUR  
22 WATER CONSUMPTION BY A THIRD. YET WE'RE STILL SEEING OUR WATER  
23 BILLS GO HIGHER DUE TO THE COST OF IMPORTED WATER IN OUR AREA.  
24 AND WE CAN'T USE THE WATER FROM OUR LOCAL WELLS BECAUSE IT'S  
25 TOO SALTY BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN AN EMPHASIS ON RETAINING



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1 THAT STORM WATER. SO I APPRECIATE THAT THIS MEASURE WILL NOT  
2 ONLY CONSIDER GIVING HOMEOWNERS LIKE ME AND MY FAMILY REBATES  
3 FOR WHAT WE'VE DONE, BUT THAT WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT  
4 AND RESOURCES TO OUR CITIES SO THEY CAN BETTER USE THEIR WATER  
5 RESOURCES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
8 TAKE NOTE OF THE INDIGENOUS INFLECTION. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **RAY BILLET:** MY NAME IS RAY BILLET, AND I REPRESENT THE TOWN  
11 COUNCIL OF ACTON. IN OUR AREA THERE'S 121 SQUARE MILES IN OUR  
12 AREA. AND WE THERE SOUTH. ONLY ABOUT 7500 PEOPLE IN OUR  
13 COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE OPPOSED TO THIS ORDINANCE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM? AND  
16 BEFORE YOU PROCEED, MAY I ASK MALISSA MCKEITH TO COME FORWARD.  
17 MARY K. KNIGHT. GEORGE LAFORTUNE. DANIEL FIERRO. TANA LAMPTON.  
18 ALL RIGHT. MALISSA MCKEITH DID WAIVE. THANK YOU. WHERE ARE  
19 YOU? PLEASE STAND AND TAKE A BOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MA'AM.  
20 THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU. PROCEED.

21

22 **LORENE SAYLOR:** MY NAME IS LORENE SAYLOR, I'M AN ACTON RESIDENT  
23 AND PROPERTY OWNER. AND SPEAKING HERE ON BEHALF OF MY MOTHER  
24 AND MY UNCLE WHO ALSO ARE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AREA. THEY DO  
25 FIND THAT THE FEE AS IT GOES FORWARD TO BE ON THEM UNFAIR AS



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1 THEY DO OWN QUITE A BIT OF VACANT PROPERTY IN THE AREA AND IT  
2 WOULD RAISE THEIR COSTS. THEY ALSO ARE LIVING ON FIXED  
3 INCOMES. WE ARE ALREADY PAYING A FLOOD CONTROL FEE WHICH HAS  
4 NOT BENEFITED THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS IN MOST OF THE AREAS  
5 OF ACTON AND AGUA DULCE AND THIS WOULD DOUBLE UP ON THAT FEE.  
6 AS I SAID, WE OPPOSE THE FEE. AND I WOULD SUPPORT THE  
7 AMENDMENT THAT WAS -- MOTION THAT WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN  
8 KNABE, OR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT NOT THE  
9 MOTION THAT WAS OR THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS BY MR. YAROSLAVSKY.  
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **MARY K. KNIGHT:** MY NAME IS MARY K. KNIGHT. I'M A 20-YEAR  
15 VOLUNTEER TO SAVE THE BALLONA WETLANDS. I URGE YOU NOT TO  
16 APPROVE THIS AT ALL TODAY. IT REALLY NEEDS A LOT MORE LOOKING  
17 AT. THE REASON YOU HAVE SUCH A LOW INPUT OF PEOPLE OPPOSING IT  
18 IS I WENT ON THE COMPUTER. I COULDN'T GET THE -- IT WOULDN'T  
19 LET ME EMAIL YOU BACK THAT I OPPOSED IT. I TRIED TO COPY IT.  
20 IT WOULDN'T LET ME COPY IT. SO I TOOK OFF WORK TODAY AND CAME  
21 DOWN HERE TO LET YOU KNOW. BUT THERE MAY BE PEOPLE WHO WERE  
22 ALSO HAVING TROUBLE ON THE COMPUTERS GETTING THIS IN TO YOU,  
23 OLDER PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE COMPUTERS. SO IT'S NOT A GOOD  
24 FEEDBACK FOR YOU ON IT. AND ALSO, I'M OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE  
25 THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY ON THIS. THERE'S NOTHING SAYING



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1 WHAT ARE THE PROJECTS? THE BALLONA WETLANDS, AS WE UNDERSTAND,  
2 THE BALLONA WETLANDS COULD BE ONE OF THE PROJECTS, THEY WOULD  
3 GO IN AND BULLDOZE THE WETLANDS THAT PEOPLE SPENT SO MANY  
4 YEARS, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SPENT SO MANY YEARS, TO SAVE. AND IT  
5 WOULD BE BULLDOZED TO CLEAN UP BALLONA CREEK. THERE IS ALREADY  
6 PROPS 50, PROP 0 AND PROP 84.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, THANK YOU.

9

10 **MARY K. KNIGHT:** PLEASE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THESE PRIVATE  
11 ENTITIES. YOU HAVE GOT TO HAVE CONTRACTS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKERS.

14

15 **TANA LAMPTON:** TANA LAMPTON, 36-YEAR RESIDENT OF -- OH, SORRY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON JUST A SECOND. JAVIER  
18 NUNEZ. JAMES ROJAS. ESTHER MARGULIES. SHELLEY LUCE. AND ROBERT  
19 KATHERMAN. YOU MAY PROCEED NOW, MA'AM.

20

21 **TANA LAMPTON:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WAIVE? THANK YOU, SIR. WE SALUTE  
24 YOU. THANK YOU.

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1   **TANA LAMPTON:** TANA LAMPTON. 36-YEAR RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE.  
2   AND IN TWO WEEKS I'LL BE 26,246 DAYS OLD, AND FOR TWO-THIRDS  
3   OF THAT I'VE CERTAINLY PAID A LOT OF TAXES. AS ONE OF THE  
4   ORIGINATORS OF OUR C.S.E. ORDINANCE, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, I'M  
5   HERE TO WITNESS THAT BOTH ACTON AND OF COURSE AGUA DULCE COULD  
6   BE POSTER CHILDREN FOR THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT POLLUTE WITH  
7   GROUND WATER. AS MY FRIEND RAY BILLET SAID, WE HAVE LARGER  
8   PARCELS AND MANY, MANY LESS PEOPLE. I URGE YOU, URGE YOU TO  
9   OPPOSE THIS. THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
12   YES, MA'AM.

13

14   **SHELLEY LUCE:** I'M SHELLEY LUCE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA  
15   MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION AND I SUPPORT A FUNDING  
16   MEASURE FOR CONSERVING AND CLEANING UP RAIN WATER IS URGENTLY  
17   NEEDED. AND I ALSO SUPPORT THE AMENDED MOTION THAT'S ON THE  
18   TABLE. AND I URGE YOU TO SET A DATE TO MOVE THIS FORWARD AND  
19   TO KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN WITH REGARD TO THE TYPE OF VOTE AND  
20   TO REQUEST THAT STAFF REPORT BACK TO YOU AFTER COLLABORATING  
21   WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DETERMINE THE BEST PATH FORWARD.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
24   TESTIMONY.

25



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1   **SHELLEY LUCE:** THANK YOU.

2

3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DAVID WARREN. ALL RIGHT.

4   SUPERVISOR KNABE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A RECORD MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
5   BROKEN WITH THAT TESTIMONY. WE WILL APPEAL TO THE TIMEKEEPER  
6   TO ARBITRATE THAT DISPUTE, AT WHICH POINT IN TIME WE'LL BE  
7   GIVING OUT PRIZES TO THE WINNER. THANK YOU. DAVID WARREN.  
8   CINDY HYNES. DAVID KISSINGER. TONY GORDON. NINA BORIN. SIR,  
9   YOUR NAME?

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11   **DAVID WARREN:** I'M DAVID WARREN.

12

13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED MR. WARREN.

14

15   **DAVID WARREN:** I'M WITH THE COASTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
16   NETWORK, CLEAN. WE'RE OPPOSED TO THE HABITAT DESTRUCTION THAT  
17   WOULD RESULT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS WATER TAX. THANK  
18   YOU.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH, BOY. YOU'RE MAKING IT TOUGH,  
21   MAN. ANY DISPUTE ABOUT WHO'S WINNING SO FAR? PROCEED, SIR. YOU  
22   DID WELL, MR. WARREN. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU CAN TOP HIM,  
23   MAN. PROCEED, GO AHEAD. [LAUGHTER.]

24



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1   **DAVID KISSINGER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS,  
2   DAVID KISSINGER WITH THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS,  
3   HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF 3600 REALTORS LIVING AND WORKING IN  
4   THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I'M HERE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION  
5   IN FRONT OF YOU. MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS MOTION TODAY IS TO  
6   SEND IT BACK. SEND IT BACK AND START ALL OVER. WITH ALL DUE  
7   RESPECT TO THE STAFF REPORT THAT YOU HEARD TODAY, I WOULD  
8   SUGGEST THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS NO SUSTAINABLE FUNDING  
9   MECHANISM. HAVING THIS FUNDED ON THE BACKS OF PROPERTY OWNERS  
10   IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. ASKING PROPERTY OWNERS TO VOTE ON THIS BY  
11   WAY OF PROTEST VOTE THROUGH, FRANKLY, WHAT LOOKS LIKE A  
12   CIRCULAR FROM TRADER JOE'S REALLY IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. I MIGHT  
13   ADD FURTHER THAT ALSO THERE ISN'T A SUSTAINABLE SPENDING  
14   MECHANISM. SO IN OTHER WORDS WHAT EXACTLY IS THE FUNDING GOING  
15   TO BE USED FOR? IT'S NOT SUFFICIENT TO HAVE I GUESS THE  
16   LAUNDRY LIST OF REALLY GOOD IDEAS THAT THIS OR THAT LOCAL  
17   JURISDICTION MAY OR MAY NOT IMPLEMENT. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO  
18   ADHERE TO THE BARE MINIMUM PROP 218. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO  
19   ADHERE TO THE BARE MINIMUM OF A.B. 2554. SO WITH THOSE ITEMS,  
20   I'LL JUST CONCLUDE WITH THIS. AGAIN, PLEASE SEND IT BACK.  
21   THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WE  
22   LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS PROCESS.  
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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU MR. KISSINGER. RAMYA,  
2   IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. SIVASUBRAMANIAN. LYNDEL MELTON.  
3   SHELLY BACHLAR. CATHERINE TYRELL AND LIZ CROSSON.

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5   **RAMYA SIVASUBRAMANIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RAMYA  
6   SIVASUBRAMANIAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
7   PROJECT. THE CITY PROJECT IS PART OF A DIVERSE AND GROWING  
8   ALLIANCE WHICH SEEKS TO ENSURE EQUITY IN THE PROPOSED MEASURE.  
9   THIS ALLIANCE INCLUDES MEMBERS OF THE ANAHUAK NATION AND  
10   HOCKEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION, CONCERNED CITIZENS OF SOUTH CENTRAL  
11   LOS ANGELES, LATINO COALITION FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA,  
12   ROBERTS AND ASSOCIATES AND SPARK. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S  
13   RECOGNITION THAT PROJECTS UNDER THE PROPOSED MEASURE SHOULD  
14   MAXIMIZE LOCAL JOBS, PROVIDE PLACES FOR RECREATION, PROTECT  
15   OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDRESS WATER QUALITY NEEDS  
16   OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. BUT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO MORE  
17   TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS AND THE BURDENS OF THE MEASURE  
18   ACCRUE EQUITABLY. THE MEASURE MUST HAVE AN EQUITY PLAN IN  
19   PLACE AT THE OUTSET AND MUST ENSURE MAXIMUM PRIORITY FOR  
20   MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS THAT ADDRESS JOB CREATION, HEALTH, PARK  
21   POVERTY AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. OUR SPECIFIC  
22   RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACHIEVE EQUITY ARE EXPLAINED IN FURTHER  
23   DETAIL IN THE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD  
24   ON MARCH 8. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE



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1 MULTIPLE GOALS OF THE PROJECT, OF THE PROPOSED MEASURE ARE  
2 EQUITABLY IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
5 TESTIMONY. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

6

7 **LIZ CROSSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS LIZ CROSSON. I'M THE  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES WATER KEEPER AND I'M  
9 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COALITION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE, WORKING  
10 WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO WORK  
11 TOWARDS A SOLUTION THAT WILL ADDRESS BOTH WATER QUALITY AND  
12 WATER SUPPLY WITH THIS MEASURE. FIRST, I JUST WANT TO POINT  
13 OUT THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS A CLEVER SOUND BITE, THIS MEASURE IS  
14 NOT RAINING, TAXING THE RAIN. IT IS A FEE TO ADDRESS THE  
15 POLLUTION THAT RESULTS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND  
16 RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF HUMANS. IT IS A FEE TO ADDRESS OUR  
17 MESS THAT CONTAMINATES THE RAIN WHEN IT FALLS AND HITS OUR  
18 STREETS AND OUR RIVERS AND OUR BEACHES. ON THE MOTION BEFORE  
19 YOU, WE DO SUPPORT IT WITH THE AMENDMENT. AND I WOULD JUST  
20 MAKE TWO POINTS, TWO REQUESTS ON THAT MOTION. ONE, WE WOULD  
21 LIKE YOU TO ADD A DATE CERTAIN WHEN STAKEHOLDERS, THOSE OF US  
22 THAT ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS,  
23 CAN REPORT BACK TO YOU AND ADDRESS ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING  
24 ISSUES THAT ARE REALLY IMPORTANT, SUCH AS FEE REDUCTIONS IN  
25 THE SCHOOLS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN



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1 ON THE VOTING MECHANISM. WE THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT. WE  
2 KNOW THAT SOME ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED BUT WE THINK THERE ARE  
3 SOME ON THE OTHER SIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. WE THINK THIS IS A GREAT SOLUTION FOR  
5 LOS ANGELES.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
8 TESTIMONY. TERESA YOUNG. LUDD TROZPEK. EDWARD PHILLIPS. JEFF  
9 FARANO? JOHN WALSH. YOU MAY PROCEED, MA'AM.

10

11 **TERESA YOUNG:** HELLO, TERESA YOUNG, PASADENA. THIS AFTER I  
12 GUESS THIS LAW WAS WRITTEN AFTER N.R.D.C. SUED THE L.A. FLOOD  
13 CONTROL DISTRICT. I THINK THERE ARE AN AWFUL LOT OF THINGS  
14 THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT COULD DO, ALSO. WHICH IS WE  
15 HAVE DAMS ON THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER WHICH NEED FIXING WHICH HAS  
16 BEEN EXPOSED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN THE NEWSPAPER  
17 OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THAT'S ONE THING FROM THE FLOOD  
18 CONTROL DISTRICT. AND THAT COULD CERTAINLY BE PART OF THIS.  
19 HOWEVER, I THINK IT'S BASICALLY REDUNDANT. YOU KNOW, THE  
20 WATERSHED GROUP HAS ALREADY DONE A BIG STUDY ON IT. I SAT IN  
21 ON IT. YOU COULD LOOK IT UP ON GOOGLE. IT'S AMBROSE WETLANDS  
22 LOS ANGELES 2012. YOU'LL FIND IT. IT'S A P.D.F. FORM. HAS ALL  
23 THE INFORMATION. WE DID IT. IT WAS DONE. SO THESE ARE  
24 REDUNDANCIES. AND TRASH IS REAL EASY TO DEAL WITH. IF YOU MAKE  
25 IT A VALUE. PEOPLE WILL PICK IT UP AND GET RID OF IT FOR YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **LUDD TROZPEK:** LUDD TROZPEK. SEVEN WORDS. I OPPOSE THE CHARGE  
5 IN ALL FORMS. I YIELD MY 55 SECONDS BACK TO THE CHAIR.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THERE'S A  
9 STRONG COMPETITION GOING ON HERE, LADIES. GO AGAIN, SIR.

10

11 **JEFF FARANO:** JEFF FARANO HERE, RECYCLING. WE OPERATE 14 METAL  
12 RECYCLING FACILITIES AND OVER 100 ACRES IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE  
13 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE RECYCLER, L.A. RECYCLERS COALITION AND A  
14 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION THAT MAINTAINS APPROXIMATELY 30 ACRES, 30  
15 YARDS MORE IN LOS ANGELES. S.A. HAS SPENT OVER \$5 MILLION IN  
16 THE LAST YEAR WITH STORM WATER CONTROL SYSTEMS. AND MANY  
17 MILLIONS MORE BY THE OTHER RECYCLERS. SCRAP METAL YARDS ARE  
18 ALREADY DOING THEIR PART TO PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS WATER, IT  
19 MAKES NO SENSE TO MAKE US PAY TWICE. WE ALSO DO NOT SUPPORT  
20 ANY EFFORT FOR A REBATE. WE DO NOT THINK THE TAX SHOULD BE  
21 PAID IN THE FIRST PLACE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT THIS  
22 SHOULD NOT BE A WAY TO RAISE TAXES FOR JOBS. BECAUSE RAISING  
23 THESE TAXES WILL BASICALLY RAISE OUR EXPENSES AND PUT US OUT  
24 OF BUSINESS, DECREASING JOBS. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARTURO  
2   GONZALEZ. MIRANDA RODRIGUEZ. NOAH GARRISON. JEFF CHAPMAN.  
3   BLAKE MURILLO. JOHN WALSH.

4

5   **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, I ARRIVED AT NOON, TO GIVE YOU AN  
6   IDEA. BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. IF YOU'RE BORED WITH  
7   WHAT'S GOING ON, YOU'RE HAVING A LONG TIME WATCHING IT OUT  
8   HERE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG NEVER HAS BORED ANYONE FOR FIVE  
9   YEARS. VERY IMPORTANT HERE IS THE ISSUE OF, I'M KIND OF  
10  NERVOUS, YOU GOT TO UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE  
11  EVER SPOKEN IN PUBLIC TODAY. [LAUGHTER.] BUT NUMBER ONE IS IF  
12  YOU HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE THE MEETING ENDS, AND YOU WANT TO  
13  KNOW WHAT TURNED OUT, LOOK AT THE ROOF, THE CHIMNEY ON THE  
14  ROOF. IF THE SMOKE IS WHITE, THEY PASSED IT. IF THE SMOKE IS  
15  BLACK, WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

16

17  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19  **MIRANDA RODRIGUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS MIRANDA RODRIGUEZ. I'M  
20  REPRESENTING THE L.A. RIVER REVITALIZATION CORPORATION, WHICH  
21  IS A NONPROFIT CHARGED WITH CATALYZING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
22  ALONG THE 51-MILE L.A. RIVER CORRIDOR WHICH RUNS THROUGH 13  
23  CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY AND TOUCHES OVER A DOZEN L.A.  
24  NEIGHBORHOODS. THE COMMUNITIES THAT LIVE ALONG THE RIVER ARE  
25  SOME OF THE DENSEST, PARK POOR AND UNDERSERVED AREAS IN THE



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1 COUNTY. WE SUPPORT THE STORM WATER FEE BECAUSE IT IS A  
2 COUNTYWIDE REVENUE SOLUTION THAT CREATES THE ABILITY TO MAKE  
3 SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVER CORRIDOR AND FOR THE  
4 PEOPLE THAT LIVE AROUND IT. A CLEANER L.A. RIVER IS GOOD FOR  
5 THE REGIONAL ECONOMY AS IT ENCOURAGES ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE  
6 AREA, ATTRACTING SMALL BUSINESSES, GREEN JOBS AND TOURISM. A  
7 CLEANER L.A. RIVER ALSO CREATES IMMENSE RECREATIONAL  
8 OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND INCREASE  
9 GREEN SPACE AND GREEN OUR SCHOOLS. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE MOTIONS  
10 PUT FORWARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY  
11 HEAL THE BAY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CARYN MANDELBAUM,  
14 DENISE PAZ. BILL ROBINSON. AURA VASQUEZ. AND EZEQUIEL ANDRADE.  
15 WILL ALSO CALL ON CRAIG CADWALLER. RICHARD HAIMANN, DANIEL  
16 VILLALOBOS. CHARLES RAMOS. MEREDITH MCCARTHY. YOU MAY PROCEED,  
17 SIR.

18

19 **BILL ROBINSON:** HELLO, BILL ROBINSON OF WEST COVINA. I THINK  
20 YOU OUGHT TO LISTEN TO COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET CLARK. THE  
21 PROPOSED FEE IS NO SOLUTION. EVEN IF IT WERE FOUR TIMES  
22 LARGER, MOST MUNICIPALITIES WILL STILL INCUR T.M.D.L.  
23 VIOLATIONS. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. STORM  
24 WATER PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR 23 YEARS, STARTING IN 1990.  
25 SUPERVISORS, A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BY THE



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1 STATE AND REGIONAL WATER BOARDS TO SEE IF THE MAYBE 50 TO 100  
2 BILLION THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPENT HAVE DONE ANY GOOD AND IF  
3 SO, HOW MUCH GOOD. THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' MISSION AND  
4 REGULATIONS NEED IMPROVEMENTS AND MORE FEDERAL INVESTMENTS TO  
5 REEMPHASIZE BOTH FLOOD CONTROL AND IMPROVED STORM WATER  
6 CONSERVATION VALUES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

9

10 **BILL ROBINSON:** THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS THAT SOMEDAY OUR  
11 FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE GOING TO WAKE UP AND WE'RE GOING  
12 TO REMOVE OURSELVES FROM TRYING TO BE THE PLANETARY POLICEMEN  
13 WHILE OUR CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE COLLAPSES. THIS IS JUST A  
14 BLANK CHECK. AND IT'S FATALLY VAGUE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

18

19 **AURA VASQUEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS AURA VASQUEZ. I'M HERE  
20 REPRESENTING THE SIERRA CLUB AND THE BEYOND COAL CAMPAIGN. WE  
21 REPRESENT ABOUT 45,000 PEOPLE HERE IN THE L.A. AREA. I AM  
22 PLEASED TO REFER TO YOU, MR. RIDLEY, AND I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU,  
23 GLORIA MOLINA HERE, TOO. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN  
24 WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES COUNTYWIDE SOURCE OF REVENUE. AND WE  
25 THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT NOT ONLY HELPS TO CLEAN OUR



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1 WATER BUT ALSO PROTECTS OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY. SO WHAT WE  
2 ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING, AND I DON'T THINK A LOT OF  
3 PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED HERE IS THAT THIS MEASURES WILL PROVIDE  
4 ABOUT 220 MILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUE. I KNOW THAT IS GOING TO  
5 COST SOME OF US SOME MONEY BUT I THINK IT'S WELL WORTH SPENT.  
6 THE SIERRA CLUB URGES YOU TO REALLY TAKE THIS MEASURE AND TO  
7 SEE THE BENEFITS OF WATER QUALITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RANDI  
10 PARENT. ANA AHERN. HAILE HAILE. TATIANA GUAR AND LARA MEEKER.  
11 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. JONATHAN FRAME. THANK YOU. WE  
12 SALUTE YOU, JOHANNA. MIRANDA RODRIGUEZ, PAULETTE BENSON, ANNE  
13 BERGMAN. HEATHER DOLE, ARE YOU WAIVING? WE SALUTE YOU. DAVID  
14 MCNEAL. MARK GOLD. ARE YOU WAIVING? WE SALUTE YOU. JACK  
15 ROLSTON. THANK YOU, SIR. YOU MAY PROCEED.

16

17 **RICHARD HAIMANN:** HI, MY NAME IS RICHARD HAIMANN, I'M HERE ON  
18 BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, THE  
19 MUNICIPAL LOS ANGELES MUCH. WE REPRESENT 4, 000 MEMBERS IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY, MOST OF WHOM OWN PROPERTY IN LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY. JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE SUPPORT THE MEASURE THAT  
22 MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE  
23 STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH THE COALITION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE WITH  
24 COUNTY STAFF TO TRY TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS THAT WILL MEET  
25 THE VARIOUS OBJECTIONS MADE BY VARIOUS PARTIES AND COME UP



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1 WITH AN ORDINANCE AND A MEASURE THAT IS ULTIMATELY GOING TO BE  
2 PASSING MUSTER. WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO PASS THE MOTION TODAY  
3 WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT AND JUST LET US GET  
4 BACK TO KEEP WORKING ON THIS AND GET THIS MOVED FORWARD. THANK  
5 YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE? SIR?

9

10 **JONATHAN FRAME:** I'M JONATHAN FRAME WITH THE ARROYO SECO  
11 FOUNDATION. THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION SUPPORTS THE GOALS OF  
12 THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES FEE. THE NEED FOR WATER QUALITY  
13 IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY IS QUITE CLEAR. IN THE FUTURE,  
14 WE'D LIKE TO SEE SOME MORE AGENCY COLLABORATION WITH  
15 STAKEHOLDERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL  
16 ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS AND CITIES WHEN PREPARING THESE NATURAL  
17 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES. FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, A.S.F.  
18 HAS BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE ARROYO SECO,  
19 THE MAIN TRIBUTARY OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER WHICH EVENTUALLY  
20 RUNS OFF TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. IN ADDITION TO ONGOING WATER  
21 QUALITY MONITORING, A.S.F. HAS COMPLETED SEVERAL WATER QUALITY  
22 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. CURRENTLY WE'RE WORKING ON AN INTEGRATED  
23 REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES PROJECT WHICH WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE  
24 LOCAL WATER SUPPLY, HABITAT AND RECREATION, BUT HAS A MAJOR  
25 WATER QUALITY COMPONENT AS WELL. THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION'S



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1 WATERSHED COORDINATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO  
2 ENCOURAGE APPROACHING ISSUES SUCH AS WATER QUALITY FROM A  
3 WATERSHED PERSPECTIVE. THESE ISSUES MUST BE TIED IN WITH  
4 HABITAT, RECREATION, AND SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT AND OTHER NATURAL  
5 RESOURCES ISSUES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **TATIANA GUAR:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TATIANA GUAR. I AM A RESIDENT  
10 OF CULVER CITY. I OWN A HOUSE THAT'S RIGHT NEXT TO BALLONA  
11 CREEK. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE MORE  
12 FUNDING TO ADDRESS STORM WATER POLLUTION. REGARDLESS OF WHAT  
13 WE HAVE BEEN DOING, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I HAVE  
14 ACTUALLY A RAIN GARDEN IN MY FRONT YARD, WE NEED TO DO MORE.  
15 AND I PERSONALLY AM PREPARED, AND I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE  
16 PREPARED TO PAY MORE TO ADDRESS STORM WATER POLLUTION. BECAUSE  
17 EVERY YEAR THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POLLUTANT THAT ENTERS  
18 OUR RIVERS AND CREEKS AND BEACHES. AND, FOR EXAMPLE, I  
19 PERSONALLY DON'T REALLY LET MY KIDS GO INTO THE OCEAN BECAUSE  
20 I AM CONCERNED THAT WHATEVER WE USE HERE IN THIS HUGE CITY  
21 WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE GOES INTO THE OCEAN. SO WE NEED TO  
22 REALLY BE LEADERS AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN  
23 POLLUTION. THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2   TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

3

4   **PAULETTE BENSON:** MY NAME IS PAULETTE BENSON. I'M A SENIOR, A  
5   HOMEOWNER AND A TAXPAYER. AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR CLEAN  
6   WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. WE DON'T THINK WE SOMETIMES HAVE TO  
7   PAY FOR IT, BUT WE ALREADY ARE PAYING FOR WATER. WE'RE PAYING  
8   TO IMPORT IT. AND WE'LL PAY MORE IN THE LONG RUN IF WE FAIL TO  
9   CAPTURE FRESH RAIN WATER NOW. SO PLEASE VOTE FOR THE  
10   YAROSLAVSKY AMENDMENT, PLEASE.

11

12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
13   TESTIMONY. DR. GOLD?

14

15   **MARK GOLD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SO NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
16   POTENTIAL VOTE IN 2014, A FULL SEVEN YEARS AFTER INITIAL  
17   DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNTY AND A STORM WATER FUNDING MEASURE.  
18   IN THOSE SEVEN YEARS, WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO  
19   PERSIST ON COUNTY BEACHES, RIVERS AND LAKES. OUR WATER SUPPLY  
20   ISSUES ARE INCREASINGLY DIRE BECAUSE OF WATER IMPORTATION,  
21   LEGAL RULINGS, POPULATION GROWTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE. TODAY YOU  
22   HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD IN CHARTING THE WATER  
23   FUTURE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A FUTURE OF CLEAN WATER, LOCAL  
24   RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY, IMPROVED FLOOD CONTROL, AND MORE OPEN  
25   SPACE AND HABITAT. THE STORM WATER FUNDING MEASURE CAN LEAD TO





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1 AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO WATER MANAGEMENT THAT INCENTIVIZES  
2 LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, GREEN STREETS, RAIN GARDENS, AND RAIN  
3 BARRELS, AND IT CAN DO IT IN A WAY THAT'S BENEFICIAL TO OUR  
4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THAT CREATES GREEN JOBS IN THE COUNTY.  
5 PLEASE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RIGHT MEASURE TO INSURE PASSAGE.  
6 THIS MEASURE WILL NOT PASS IN 2014 WITHOUT YOUR STRONG  
7 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I'M THE LAST, I GUESS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SAVED THE BEST FOR THE LAST.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** NEXT TO LAST, OKAY. I'VE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE  
16 WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WHO IN TURN WORKED WITH THE COUNTY  
17 ON THESE FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS. I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER MY  
18 TIME TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PUTTING THIS PROGRAM  
19 TOGETHER. AND I THINK I HAVE SOME ANSWERS THAT WILL SOLVE THE  
20 SOLUTION.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE MY NAME?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE CARD.

2

3    **SPEAKER:** TELL ME WHO I SHOULD BE TALKING TO AND THE COMMITTEE  
4    THAT'S PUTTING TOGETHER.

5

6    **SUP. KNABE:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

7

8    **SPEAKER:** SIR?

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT CITY DO YOU LIVE IN?

11

12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, SIR.

13

14   **SPEAKER:** WHAT'S THAT?

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE?

17

18   **SPEAKER:** TARZANA.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TARZANA, DUALY NOTED. THANK YOU  
21   VERY MUCH AND WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

22

23   **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE AS A VOLUNTEER.

24

25   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EXCELLENT. WE ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL, JEFFREY  
3 ROBINSON?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** JEFFREY, HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD?  
6 PLEASE COME FORWARD. THIS IS ON THE ITEM OF S-1. THIS IS NOT  
7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SERGEANT?

8

9 **JEFFREY ROBINSON:** MY NAME IS JEFFREY ROBINSON, I'M A RESIDENT  
10 OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I FIND IT APPALLING THAT WE ARE  
11 EVEN HERE JUST TRYING TO DISCUSS SAVING WATER AND CONSERVING  
12 WATER, THAT SHOULD BE OUR MAIN PRIORITY. WHAT I SEE HERE IS A  
13 CONTINUATION OF PROCESSES BY THE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL, COUNTY AND  
14 THE CITY GOVERNMENT BY WHICH THE RESIDENTS, LOCAL TAXPAYERS  
15 HAVE TO PAY THE COSTS OF EVERY NEW THING THAT NEEDS TO COME  
16 ACROSS. WE HAVE BEEN HIT WITH FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES ON  
17 HOW TO CONSERVE OUR RESOURCES AND WE'RE TRYING TO PUT THOSE  
18 COSTS IN THE POCKETS OF HOMEOWNERS, WHERE THAT RESPONSIBILITY  
19 SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. WHEN YOU'RE IN A HOUSEHOLD  
20 AND YOU HAVE A CERTAIN BUDGET AND YOU HAVE CERTAIN THINGS TO  
21 CARRY OUT, THERE ARE CERTAIN DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE,  
22 THIS IS A SITUATION BY WHICH PRIORITY TAKES PLACE BECAUSE  
23 RIGHT NOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IS THE COUNTY AND THE CITY  
24 GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE A HIGHEST, WHAT, 90 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET  
25 IS SPENT ON PUBLIC SAFETY. SO WE VALUE PUBLIC SAFETY MORE THAN



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1 WE VALUE PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S THE SAME KIND OF THINKING THAT  
2 GOES INTO CHANGING FREE CAR POOL LANE ON A FREEWAY AND TRYING  
3 TO MAKE IT A FAST PAY LANE IN ORDER TO AGGRANDIZE THE PEOPLE  
4 OF SOUTH CENTRAL WHO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO EVEN TRAVEL ON  
5 THAT FREEWAY. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING NOW AND  
6 BECAUSE OUR QUOTE/UNQUOTE --

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RESPECTFULLY, SIR. YOUR TIME IS  
9 EXPIRED.

10

11 **JEFFREY ROBINSON:** -- GOAL IS LOFTIER, STILL MAKE PEOPLE PAY  
12 FOR CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **JEFFREY ROBINSON:** YOU GUYS NEED TO CHECK YOUR PRIORITIES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
19 TESTIMONY. THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS ARE GERARDO TORRES AND ANDY  
20 SCHRADER. AFTER WHICH TIME THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THIS  
21 HEARING WILL BE CLOSED. GERARDO TORRES AND ANDY SCHRADER. SIR?

22

23 **GERARDO TORRES:** I THINK THAT THE FIRST ONE THAT THOUGHT ABOUT  
24 THIS PROPOSITION HAS A VERY SMALL MIND. BECAUSE I'M A RESIDENT  
25 OF HUNTINGTON PARK. THEY RECENTLY INCREASED OUR WATER FEES



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1 BACK IN NOVEMBER ONE TIME. AND NOW THEY INCREASED IT AGAIN.  
2 AND THAT'S FOR THE CITY. NOW THE COUNTY IS AGAINST US. I DON'T  
3 KNOW HOW FAR WE'RE GOING TO GO. AND BESIDES, WHEN YOU GUYS  
4 SENT THE NOTICES TO RESIDENTS, IT WAS DISGUISED AS A  
5 COMMERCIAL AD. SO MANY PEOPLE DROP IT IN THE TRASH. NOW I FIND  
6 ON THE INTERNET THAT THE ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THIS CLEAN  
7 WATER ACT, THEY ONLY IN ENGLISH. AND REMEMBER WE HAVE PEOPLE  
8 FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **GERARDO TORRES:** WHAT WE HAVE TO DO, YOU GUYS BETTER THINK  
13 ABOUT THIS. THIS IS THE SOLUTION. EDUCATE THE PEOPLE NOT TO  
14 THROW TRASH ON THE CURB SIDE AND THE STREET AND THE SCHOOLS  
15 AND EVERYTHING, ESPECIALLY KIDS ON THE SCHOOLS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **GERARDO TORRES:** AND I HAVE A FEW PROPERTIES. AND ALSO I HAVE A  
20 QUESTION FOR YOU GUYS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTION. AND  
23 YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

24



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1   **GERARDO TORRES:** SAME SIZE AS MINE. THEY WILL TO PAY LESS THAN  
2   I WILL HAVE TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE  
5   GET YOU AN ANSWER. FINAL SPEAKER ON THE ITEM S-1.

6

7   **ANDY SCHRADER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M ANDY SCHRADER. I'M THE  
8   ENVIRONMENTAL DEPUTY FOR LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL  
9   KORETZ. COUNCIL MEMBER KORETZ ASKED ME TO COME CONVEY HIS HIS  
10   FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ORIGINAL MEASURE, NOT FOR KICKING IT DOWN  
11   THE ROAD. AND FOR SUPERVISOR, IF YOU MUST, FOR SUPERVISOR  
12   YAROSLAVSKY'S CURRENT AMENDMENT TO THE NEW MOTION WITH  
13   DEFINITIVE ASSURANCES NOT TO SHELVE THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.  
14   CITIES AND TAXPAYERS WILL ALREADY BE PAYING FOR CLEAN WATER IN  
15   UNPREDICTABLE FINES AND LAWSUITS. THIS MEASURE WILL GIVE US A  
16   PROACTIVE AND PREDICTABLE WAY TO CREATE A LOCAL WATER SUPPLY  
17   AND TO PROTECT OUR STRUGGLING WATERWAYS AND OCEANS, ESPECIALLY  
18   WITH THREATS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE, SNOW PACK DEPLETION, AND  
19   HYDRAULIC FRACKING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE LOS ANGELES WATER  
20   SUPPLY. AS GOES THE HEALTH OF THE OCEAN GOES THE HEALTH OF US  
21   ALL. 70 PERCENT OF OUR OXYGEN COMES FROM THE OCEANS. WE NEED  
22   TO DO THIS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THANK YOU.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25   LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THAT



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1 CONCLUDES THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON S-1. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
2 OFFICER.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
5 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
6 HEARINGS AND DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE PROTESTS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY  
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE A SECOND?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND  
14 WE WILL PROCEED WITHOUT OBJECTION. AND THEREFORE IT IS SO  
15 ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. NOW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, QUESTIONS,  
16 COMMENTS, MOTIONS ARE NOW BEFORE US. PLEASE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU WANT ME TO START THAT? COULD I ASK FOR  
19 RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 4 AND THAT WE BRING THAT? I THINK  
20 WE PASSED IT BEFORE WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND  
21 I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR A WEEK.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 4 IS TO BE  
24 RECONSIDERED. PLEASE HOLD THAT ON THE DESK. I THINK WE HAVE A





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1 BIFURCATION TO BE CONSIDERED. SO WE'LL RECONSIDER ITEM NO. 4.

2 LET'S STICK WITH S-1 AT THIS MOMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND THE RECONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT. SO ORDERED. PROCEED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO S-1, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
9 BOARD, I DO HAVE MY MOTION ON THE TABLE. IT'S BEEN SECONDED,  
10 PROPERLY SECONDED. MR. YAROSLAVSKY WANTED TO AMEND WITH HIS  
11 ITEM 3 INTO MY MOTION. AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, I DON'T  
12 WANT TO PUT A LIMITATION ON IT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH  
13 ITEM NO. 3 OF HIS MOTION OR IN A THIRD SENTENCE WHERE IT SAYS  
14 BALLOT MEASURE WITH A GOAL FOR EITHER THE JUNE 2014 OR THE  
15 NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ACCEPT THAT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** IN OTHER WORDS, I'M NOT AGREEING TO THE FACT THAT  
20 IT BE ON THE JUNE BUT WITH A GOAL.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ARE THERE  
23 ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AMENDMENT THAT MR. KNABE, AS MAKER OF  
24 THE MAIN MOTION IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT.

25



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, LET ME JUST SAY AS THE MAKER OF THE MAIN  
2   MOTION, I HAVEN'T AGREED TO THAT YET.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE:** AND I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND THAT. I WASN'T  
5   ASKING YOU. THAT'S WHY I PUT IT OUT THERE BECAUSE I COULD NOT  
6   AGREE WITH THE MOTION, NO. 3 AS IT'S CURRENTLY PRESENTED IN  
7   MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. SO I WAS OFFERING THAT AS AN  
8   AMENDMENT. IF NOT, I'M READY TO VOTE MY MOTION UP OR DOWN. OR  
9   OUR MOTION.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE  
12   QUESTIONS FOR THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD FOLKS. I UNDERSTAND  
13   THAT THEY WERE GOING TO WAIT AROUND.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
16   WATER BOARD IF YOU WOULD COME FORTH SO THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
17   MAY ASK YOU THE QUESTIONS THAT SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD BE  
18   ASKING. TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT 3:20 BUT IT IS  
19   2:10. MR. UNGER.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I'VE HAD A SERIES OF QUESTIONS. I'M VERY  
22   CONCERNED. I'M ONE OF THOSE THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THE WHOLE  
23   ISSUE OF CLEANING OUR STORM WATER AND CERTAINLY TRYING TO GET  
24   CLEAN WATER INTO OUR BAY AND SO ON AND PROTECT OUR BEACHES.  
25   BUT I'VE BEEN VERY CONCERNED AS THIS MOTION AS THIS EFFORT HAS



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1 BEEN TRAVELING ALONG. AND UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE PRESENTED WITH  
2 THIS ISSUE IN JANUARY IN SORT OF A DONE DEAL THAT MANY PEOPLE  
3 THOUGHT THAT EVERYTHING WAS CONCLUDED. I AM ONE OF THOSE THAT  
4 DOES NOT BELIEVE AS YET THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE THIS  
5 FORWARD FOR MANY REASONS. BUT LET ME BEGIN WITH ASKING YOU:  
6 THE REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT, I NEED TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING  
7 TO HELP US WITH THIS. RIGHT NOW, ALL YOU ARE DOING IS SORT OF  
8 LOOKING AT THIS THING AND JUST ISSUING MORE DIRECTIVES WITHOUT  
9 ANY CLEAR INDICATION OR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS THE PATHWAY  
10 AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO CLEAN THIS WATER. FOR EXAMPLE, FIRST  
11 OF ALL, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO EDUCATE THE LARGER  
12 COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK TAXPAYERS,  
13 HOMEOWNERS OR ANYONE TO SUPPORT THIS, WHAT HAS THE REGIONAL  
14 WATER DISTRICT DONE AS FAR AS GETTING EDUCATION INTO ALL OF  
15 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART AND RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING STORM  
16 WATER?

17

18 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR THE  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

22

23 **SAMUEL UNGER:** FIRST OF ALL, THE PERMIT ITSELF HAS AN EDUCATION  
24 COMPONENT THAT IT IS ADDRESSED TOWARDS, THAT THE CITIES WOULD



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1 IMPLEMENT AND THE COUNTY WOULD IMPLEMENT DIRECTED AT SCHOOLS.

2 AND SO --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE PERMIT. WE HEARD  
5 ABOUT THE PERMIT. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE REGIONAL WATER  
6 DISTRICT IS DOING TO EDUCATE? RIGHT NOW THE SCHOOLS ARE SAYING  
7 NO.

8

9 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WE UNDERSTAND.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND EVEN THE COMPONENT OF JUST EDUCATING THE KIDS  
12 ABOUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO STORM WATER RESPONSIBILITIES, TO  
13 WATER QUALITY AND CLEANUP, THEY SAID NO. SO WE NEED TO KNOW  
14 WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING.

15

16 **SAMUEL UNGER:** UNDER THE PAST PERMIT, THE ONE BEFORE, THE ONE  
17 WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR, WE PROVIDED  
18 SUPPORT TO CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN COMPOSING FLYERS AND  
19 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNDER THIS  
20 PERMIT. AND AT OUR LAST BOARD MEETING JUST EARLIER, LATE LAST  
21 WEEK, STAFF WAS INSTRUCTED TO OUTREACH TO THE CITIES AND  
22 SPECIFICALLY TO CITY MANAGERS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING  
23 INTENSELY WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS, BUT SOMEHOW IT  
24 FEELS AS IF THE BENEFITS OF A CLEAN WATER PROPOSAL, AND YOU'VE  
25 HEARD MANY PEOPLE ARTICULATE THAT THIS MORNING, THE BENEFITS



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1 HAVE NOT BEEN WELL STATED TO THE CITY COUNCILS. AND SO WE HAVE  
2 BEEN DIRECTED TO OUTREACH TO CITY COUNCILS. WE'RE GOING TO BE  
3 PREPARING A LETTER THAT WE WILL SEND OUT TO ALL PERMITEES. ALL  
4 MUNICIPALITIES AND OFFERING TO COME TO SPEAK BEFORE AS AN  
5 INFORMATION ITEM TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND INFORM THEM NOT  
6 ONLY OF THE OBLIGATIONS THAT THE PERMITEES HAVE BUT ALSO TO  
7 THE ADVANTAGES THAT THIS NEW PERMIT AND THE FUNDING INITIATIVE  
8 THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING WILL PROVIDE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I THINK THAT THERE'S A MISS -- THERE'S A  
11 COMMUNICATION GAP HERE BETWEEN THE REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT AND  
12 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. IF  
13 EVERYBODY THOUGHT THAT THE WAY YOU INFORM PEOPLE IS THROUGH  
14 THEIR CITY COUNCIL, THEN EVERYBODY'S BEEN DOING IT WRONG FOR A  
15 LONG TIME. I REALLY THINK YOU NEED TO COME UP WITH AN  
16 EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAT SOME OF US CAN TRUST.  
17 THIS IS A COLLECTIVE PROBLEM THAT WE ALL HAVE. WE HAVE NOT  
18 SEEN, AT LEAST I HAVE NOT SEEN, THE KIND OF COOPERATION THAT I  
19 NEED FROM THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD. YOU HAVE BOARD MEMBERS  
20 THAT ARE TALKING ABOUT YOU NEED TO DO THIS AND YOU NEED TO DO  
21 THAT AND THEN AFTER THAT DO THIS AND DO THIS SOME MORE. I'M  
22 NOT SO SURE THAT YOU BROUGHT ALONG SOME FOLKS TO EDUCATE THEM  
23 ON THIS. AND I REALLY THINK THAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY.  
24 NOW, IT'S ALSO MY RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY. BUT THE OTHER PART  
25 OF WHAT I WANT TO ASK YOU IS WHEN WE START LOOKING AT



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1 MECHANISMS TO CLEAN THIS, BESIDES TELLING US WHAT'S NOT  
2 SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE WATER, DO YOU YET HAVE AN APPROVED LIST  
3 OF PROJECTS THAT CITIES COULD LOOK TO AND SAYING I'M GOING TO  
4 IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT AND I'M GOING TO CLEAN UP MY PART OF  
5 THE STORM WATER?

6

7 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. AND I BEG YOUR  
8 INDULGENCE FOR A MOMENT TO PROVIDE SOMEWHAT OF A COMPLICATED  
9 ANSWER TO THAT IN THE SENSE THAT THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE  
10 PRECLUDES THE REGIONAL BOARD FROM SPECIFYING A MANNER OF  
11 COMPLIANCE. IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE PERMITEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO  
12 SET FORTH THE MANNER OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS THAT  
13 WE SET.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE YOU ESTABLISHED THE REGULATIONS, THOUGH?

16

17 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WELL, I CONSIDER THE PERMIT TO BE A REGULATION,  
18 YES.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE PERMIT DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE REGULATIONS  
21 IN IT NOW.

22

23 **SAMUEL UNGER:** NO. MANY OF THE REGULATIONS IN THE ORDINANCES  
24 WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE PERMITEES, YES. I AGREE WITH  
25 THAT. BUT IT WILL IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE. WE PROVIDED



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1 -- WE LISTENED -- OUR BOARD LISTENED TO MANY OF THE PERMITEES  
2 WHO SAID, HEY A LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE IS NOT GOING  
3 TO BE THE SAME IN ONE PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS IT WOULD  
4 BE IN ANOTHER PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN AN AREA WITH LOTS  
5 OF OPEN SPACE VERSUS AN AREA THAT'S HARD-SCAPED GREATLY. AND  
6 OUR BOARD LISTENED TO THAT AND WE PROVIDED ESSENTIALLY A  
7 WATERSHED APPROACH BY WHICH THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES COULD  
8 LOOK AT THEIR WATERSHED AND PROPOSE TO US AN ORDINANCE THAT  
9 WOULD BE APPROVED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME MAYBE ASK THE QUESTION MAYBE A LITTLE  
12 DIFFERENTLY. THERE IS ONE COMMUNITY THAT HAS REALLY MADE AN  
13 EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION. I UNDERSTAND DOWNEY HAS DONE A VERY  
14 AGGRESSIVE SET OF PROGRAMMING. ARE THOSE APPROVED PROJECTS?

15

16 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WELL, THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE IN PLACE WERE DONE  
17 UNDER THE PREVIOUS PERMIT IN WHICH THE PREVIOUS PERMIT WAS  
18 SILENT ON THESE REQUIREMENTS. SO IN TERMS OF LOW IMPACT  
19 DEVELOPMENT, THOSE TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE EXACTLY THE TYPES OF  
20 PROJECTS THAT NEW PERMITS ARE LOOKING TOWARDS AND THEY WOULD  
21 BE APPROVABLE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION YES?

24

25 **SAMUEL UNGER:** YES, IT IS.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE DOWNEY PROJECTS ARE THE KIND OF PROJECTS  
3 THAT WOULD BE APPROVED UNDER THE NEW PERMIT?

4

5 **SAMUEL UNGER:** YES, THEY ARE. MANY OF THE PROJECTS, THE ONES  
6 THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO OUR BOARD AND WE'RE KNOWLEDGEABLE  
7 ABOUT, YES. THE STORAGE PROJECTS THAT HAVE GONE INTO PLACE,  
8 SOME OF THE CLEAN PARKS, THE DIVERSIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT  
9 THAT HAVE GONE INTO PLACE IN DOWNEY THAT OUR BOARD HAS BEEN  
10 INFORMED OF AND THAT WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF WOULD BE  
11 APPROVABLE UNDER THE CURRENT PERMIT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO LET'S SAY YOU'VE APPROACHED THESE PROJECTS. SO  
14 NOW DOWNEY HAS COMPLIED, RIGHT? IN OTHER WORDS, VERY SOON  
15 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ISSUING WHAT ARE KNOWN AS I GUESS FINES. OR  
16 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ISSUING A SET OF DETERMINATIONS THAT  
17 BASICALLY YOU'RE GOING TO COME TO CITIES AND THEY'RE GOING TO  
18 BE -- YOU'RE THE ENFORCER. AND SO YOU'RE GOING TO SAY: CITIES  
19 THAT HAVEN'T COMPLIED. SO CAN I UNDERSTAND FROM WHAT YOU'RE  
20 SAYING THAT A COMMUNITY OR CITY LIKE DOWNEY HAS NOW COMPLIED  
21 SO THERE WILL BE NO FINES THERE.

22

23 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I CANNOT SAY THAT AT THIS TIME. I MEAN, WHAT I  
24 WOULD SAY IS THAT THE NEW PERMIT, BEFORE WE GET INTO AN  
25 EVALUATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND THESE TYPES OF



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1 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THE CITY OF DOWNEY WOULD  
2 SEND US A PLAN AS ALL MUNICIPALITIES MUST SEND US A PLAN. WILL  
3 WE LOOK BACKWARDS TO THE PROJECTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
4 IMPLEMENTED? YES, WE WILL. BUT THEY STILL HAVE TO LOOK AT  
5 PLANS MOVING FORWARD WITH THE GOAL THAT THE PROJECTS THAT THEY  
6 HAD IMPLEMENTED WILL MEET THE T.M.D.L.S THAT ARE ESTABLISHED  
7 IN THIS PERMIT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS DIAMOND TESTIFIED THAT THERE WAS A TIME  
10 FRAME. SHE SAID THAT THERE IS, ON DECEMBER 15, THERE IS A  
11 CERTAIN DEADLINE AND THEN DECEMBER 28, THAT'S WHEN IT IS  
12 ACTUALLY DUE. SO IS THIS ALL CITIES ARE UNDER THIS SAME TIME  
13 FRAME?

14

15 **SAMUEL UNGER:** YES. ALL PERMITEES ARE UNDER THE SAME TIME  
16 FRAME, YES. AND MAY I CLARIFY?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

19

20 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT WHAT IS DUE ON DECEMBER  
21 THE 28TH ARE THESE PLANS THAT WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT, ABOUT  
22 WHICH THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD STAFF WILL EVALUATE TO  
23 DETERMINE THAT THE PROJECTS THAT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED WILL  
24 MEET THE T.M.L.D.S THAT ARE IN --

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS --  
2   AND I APPRECIATE THIS. I MEAN SO LET'S SAY THEY FALL SHORT OF  
3   THAT. WHAT HAPPENS? LET'S SAY THEY SPENT \$350 MILLION AND YOU  
4   ALL DETERMINED THAT IT DOESN'T MEET THE T.M.D.L. REQUIREMENTS  
5   UNDER THE PERMIT. WHAT HAPPENS? WOULD YOU FINE THEM? WHAT DO  
6   YOU DO? DO YOU SANCTION THEM?

7

8   **SAMUEL UNGER:** THE COMPLIANCE MECHANISM IN THIS PERMIT IS  
9   DIFFERENT FROM THE COMPLIANCE MECHANISM IN THE PREVIOUS  
10  PERMIT. AND THE COMPLIANCE MECHANISM IN THIS PERMIT IS BASED  
11  ON SUBMITTAL OF PLANS THAT ARE DEVELOPED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES  
12  BY A DATE CERTAIN. AND SO WE WOULD LOOK TO BE SURE THAT THE  
13  PLAN WAS SUBMITTED. NOW, IS THE PLAN SATISFACTORY OR NOT,  
14  WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ESSENTIALLY EVALUATE THOSE PLANS WE  
15  WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY FINE THEM. IF THE PLAN WERE NOT  
16  SUFFICIENT, WE HOPE THAT ALL THE PLANS WILL BE SUFFICIENT. THE  
17  CITY SPENT A LONG TIME, AS DID THE COUNTY, IN SETTING FORTH  
18  THE PLANS. MANY OF THEM KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND  
19  JUST AS YOU SAID, DOWNEY HAS ALREADY DONE IT TO SOME EXTENT.

20

21  **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT WE DON'T KNOW THAT DOWNEY IS A  
22  QUALIFIED PLAN AND THEY HAVE SPENT AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY. AND  
23  I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. BECAUSE IT  
24  SEEMS AS THOUGH IF YOU'RE NOW GOING TO TALK TO TAXPAYERS AND  
25  SAY WE ALL HAVE A DUTY, WHICH I APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND. I



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1 UNDERSTAND THAT DUTY. BUT WHEN WE STILL HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED  
2 WHAT THOSE PROJECTS ARE, WE ARE ASKING FOR AN AWFUL LOT OF  
3 MONEY. AND SO TAXPAYERS DON'T KNOW IF IS THIS A DOWN PAYMENT?  
4 OR IS THIS A PAYMENT? IS IT I GUESS BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW --  
5 GO AHEAD, YOU'RE SAYING OKAY YOU MUST KNOW WHAT I'M --

6

7 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I THINK I DO. AND I THINK I HAVE A RESPONSE TO  
8 YOUR CONCERN ON THIS. AND THAT IS PART OF THE PLANS IS A  
9 SCHEDULE. AND AS YOU KNOW, OUR BOARD, UNLIKE A FEDERAL  
10 T.M.D.L. THAT'S ISSUED BY THE U.S.E.P.A. WHICH DOES NOT HAVE  
11 AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE T.M.D.L.S THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY  
12 THE REGIONAL BOARD AND ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY U.S. E.P.A.  
13 HAVE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS GIVE PEOPLE A SCHEDULE. SO WHAT  
14 WOULD HAPPEN IS WE WOULD GET A PLAN ON DECEMBER 28, AND THAT  
15 WOULD CONTAIN THE SCHEDULE THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT. AND WE WOULD  
16 EVALUATE THAT SCHEDULE AT THE SAME TIME WE EVALUATE THE  
17 TECHNICAL MERITS OF THAT PLAN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT AGAIN IT'S NOT JUST THE SCHEDULE I'M  
20 TALKING ABOUT. LET'S JUST SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, DOWNEY. I DON'T  
21 KNOW WHAT THEY SPENT. BUT LET'S JUST SAY THAT AT THE END OF  
22 THE DAY ON DECEMBER 28 WHEN THEY SUBMIT ALL THIS AND YOU  
23 DECIDE SIX MONTHS LATER THIS ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH, YOU NEED TO DO  
24 THESE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS IN ORDER TO GET TO THE POLLUTANTS THAT  
25 WE HAVE THAT ARE COMING INTO -- OR THAT STORM WATER IS



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1 BRINGING INTO AND POLLUTING THE RIVERS AND THE OCEAN. AND  
2 LET'S SAY YOU SAY YOU NEED TO ADJUST THIS ACCORDINGLY.

3

4 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THEY ARE NOT OUT OF COMPLIANCE IF THEY HAVE  
5 SUBMITTED THEIR FIRST PLAN ON DECEMBER 28.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF I, ON DECEMBER 28 SUBMITTED A PLAN THAT  
8 I'M PUTTING PAPER TOWELS ALONG ALL OF THOSE OUTLETS, IS THAT  
9 COMPLYING WITH MEETING A REQUIREMENT?

10

11 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT EXACTLY THE PLAN THAT  
12 WAS SUBMITTED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY ISSUE IS I WOULD RATHER THAT YOU TELL US WHAT  
15 IS -- BECAUSE I GUESS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT IS WE WANT  
16 TO COMPLY. OKAY, AND I JUST DON'T WANT A GUESSING GAME AS TO  
17 WHAT IS COMPLIANCE. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE TRYING TO  
18 FIGURE OUT IS SORT ALL THIS OUT. THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THIS  
19 PROCESS, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S READY TO  
20 GO TO TAXPAYERS AND SAY: PLEASE JOIN US IN HELPING US CLEAN UP  
21 THIS WATER BY TAXING YOURSELVES. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE  
22 A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THIS. BUT WHAT I DON'T WANT  
23 TO DO IS TELL TAXPAYERS: WE'RE NOT SURE YET WHAT THE PROJECTS  
24 ARE. WE'RE NOT SURE THAT THIS IS GOING TO DO IT. WE'RE TOLD WE  
25 HAVE TO DO IT. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT "IT" IS YET. AND I HAVE A



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1 FEELING THAT THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD HAS TO BE MUCH, MUCH  
2 MORE EFFECTIVE IN CLARIFYING WHAT THOSE PROJECTS MUST BE AND  
3 TO WHAT LEVELS THEY SHOULD BE SO THAT WE CAN -- WE JUST NEED  
4 TO KNOW HOW TO COMPLY AND WE SHOULD COMPLY. I KNOW THAT'S FOR  
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT THE OTHER COMPONENT, AS WELL. I WAS  
6 SURPRISED WHEN SO MANY CITIES CAME IN AND COMPLAINED ABOUT  
7 THIS AT THE FIRST HEARING. AND I ASKED MANY OF MY CITIES THAT  
8 ARE WITHIN MY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AS TO WHY. YOU'RE GOING  
9 TO GET FINED. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SANCTIONS. IT'S GOING TO  
10 COST YOU MORE MONEY EVENTUALLY. AND THEY HAD ALL THESE  
11 REASONS. THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD HASN'T DONE THIS, THEY  
12 HAVEN'T DECIDED WHAT THE PROJECTS ARE, THIS ISN'T READY,  
13 ALL OF THESE ISSUES. WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT UNTIL WE  
14 HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH SOME OF THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN OUR  
15 CITIES, I MEAN THERE'S ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE TAXES ALL DAY  
16 LONG, BUT I THOUGHT THAT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY RAISED  
17 WERE VERY LEGITIMATE. YOU'VE NOT SEEN THIS IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS  
18 WITH CITIES?

19

20 **SAMUEL UNGER:** OH, YES. VERY MUCH SO. IN FACT, ABOUT THE FIRST  
21 POINT THAT WE HAVEN'T DEFINED THE TYPES OF PROJECTS, THAT IS  
22 WE HAVE DEFINED THE TYPES OF PROJECTS IN THE PERMIT. WE'VE  
23 LISTED VARIOUS TYPES OF B.M.P.S THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE  
24 APPROVABLE. DEPENDING UPON HOW THEY'RE APPROVED, AT WHAT THE  
25 SCALE AND THINGS LIKE THAT, WE'D HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THOSE



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1 DETAILS BUT THE TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE SPELLED OUT IN THE  
2 PERMIT. AND QUITE HONESTLY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS AND THE  
3 CONSULTANTS WHO ARE SERVING THE CITIES, THEY KNOW THOSE VERY  
4 WELL. REGARDING THE SECOND ISSUE IS THAT IN THE PAST PERMIT  
5 TERM, THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FINED, THE BOARD RECOGNIZED  
6 THAT. AND THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS THAT THE VALUE OF CLEAR  
7 COMPLIANCE METRICS. AND THIS PERMIT THAT WAS ADOPTED IN  
8 NOVEMBER HAS A MUCH CLEARER COMPLIANCE MECHANISM AND METRICS  
9 THAT IS SPELLED OUT THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE, AS YOU WELL KNOW  
10 PROBABLY BETTER THAN I DO THAT ONE ENDED UP GOING TO THE  
11 SUPREME COURT ON SOME COMPLIANCE ISSUES THERE. WE DON'T THINK  
12 THAT THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NOW THAT WE'VE SPELLED OUT A  
13 PROCESS WHEREBY THE PERMITEES PROPOSE PROJECTS. THE BOARD  
14 REVIEWS THEM. THEY PROPOSE THEM BY A DATE CERTAIN. AND BY THE  
15 WAY, THESE DATES THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED WERE WELL VETTED  
16 DURING OUR PERMIT HEARINGS. AND WE THINK IT'S A MUCH CLEARER  
17 COMPLIANCE MECHANISM FOR PEOPLE AND AN EASIER ENFORCEMENT  
18 MECHANISM FOR US, AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SEEMS AS THOUGH, AND I MAY BE WRONG, WE'RE NOT  
21 ON THE SAME PAGE AT ALL. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S ONE OF THE  
22 AWKWARD THINGS. BUT ONE OF THE MOST GLARING EXAMPLES OF THAT  
23 WAS OUR SCHOOLS. WHEN THE SCHOOLS WANTED OUT, TO BE OPTED OUT  
24 AND SAYING WE DON'T NEED TO PAY THIS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO  
25 IT, IN FACT, WHEN WE WENT AS FAR AS TO SAY OKAY, WE MIGHT OPT





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1 YOU OUT IF YOU'LL HAVE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT, THAT YOU'LL  
2 TEACH CHILDREN. YOU'LL TEACH YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT MAINTAINING  
3 CLEAN WATER, DOING OUR PART. AND THEY REFUSED TO DO SO. IT  
4 SPOKE VOLUMES ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT EVEN GETTING TO  
5 EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT A RESPONSIBILITY THAT  
6 THEY HAVE NOT ONLY FOR TODAY BUT FOR THE FUTURE. CAN YOU  
7 EXPLAIN THAT TO ME?

8

9 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I THINK IN MANY RESPECTS BOARD STAFF COULD BE  
10 MORE PROACTIVE THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. AND I COMMIT TO  
11 YOU THAT WE WILL BE MORE PROACTIVE IN WORKING WITH THE CITIES  
12 TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THEIR FOOTPRINT WILL BE  
13 ADVISED AT BOTH BOARD MEETINGS AND THROUGH EDUCATIONAL  
14 MATERIALS THAT THE BOARD CAN HELP THE CITIES PREPARE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. BECAUSE I REALLY WOULD WELCOME THAT. I  
17 THINK THAT WHAT HAPPENED HERE IS THAT AS WE STARTED ASKING  
18 MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS THAT WE THOUGHT WERE ISSUES THAT WERE  
19 RESOLVED, REALLY LED ME TO BELIEVE -- AND MAYBE SOME OF MY  
20 COLLEAGUES, AS WELL, THAT WE WEREN'T QUITE READY. THAT MORE  
21 THAN LIKELY IF WE TOOK THIS OUT FOR A VOTE, IF WE HAD THESE  
22 QUESTIONS AT THIS LEVEL, MORE THAN LIKELY VOTERS WOULD REJECT  
23 IT. AND WE DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, EITHER, BECAUSE  
24 UNFORTUNATELY THESE DUTIES CONTINUE TO BE WITH US. THE  
25 RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN THE WATER AND THE DOLLARS THAT WE NEED



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1 TO GET THESE PROJECTS GOING IS STILL A NEED. SO CONSEQUENTLY,  
2 THERE HAS BEEN A REAL PROBLEM. AND I THINK EVERYBODY'S GOT TO  
3 GET BACK TO THE TABLE AND START SORTING OUT HOW WE'RE GOING DO  
4 THIS COLLECTIVELY. YOU CAN'T JUST STAND AS A REGIONAL WATER  
5 BOARD AND DICTATE TO US BECAUSE WE CAN'T DICTATE TO TAXPAYERS  
6 AND TELL THEM THEY MUST SUPPORT THIS. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO  
7 HAVE A CONVINCING SET OF ARGUMENTS THAT MAKE SENSE. AND I  
8 DON'T THINK WE'RE ALL TALKING TOGETHER DIRECTLY. SO MY MOTION,  
9 ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IS ABOUT NOT MOVING  
10 FORWARD AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

11

12 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT?

15

16 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT, YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I JUST DON'T THINK IT IS READY TO BE  
19 VOTED ON IN THIS FASHION. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
20 DECEMBER POSTCARD. I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT JUST  
21 WASN'T EVEN IN THE VARIOUS LANGUAGES OF WELL KNOWN HOMEOWNERS  
22 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SPANISH, BASICALLY, IT WASN'T EVEN  
23 AVAILABLE. AND THE FACT THAT THERE WAS THIS MECHANISM AS TO  
24 HOW IT WAS DONE AS YOU HAD TO SEND IN THIS POSTCARD, A VERY  
25 ELABORATE PROCESS. SO THERE WERE MANY ISSUES ABOUT THAT PART



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1 OF IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S JUST HOMEOWNERS THAT NEED TO BE  
2 TAXED ON THIS. WE ALL POLLUTE COLLECTIVELY. AND SO  
3 CONSEQUENTLY -- AND BUSINESSES. I JUST THINK THAT EXCLUDING  
4 RENTERS WAS SOMETHING THAT MAY NOT BE THE WAY, BECAUSE THEY  
5 COULD BE JUST AS MUCH A RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. SO I THINK WE  
6 ALL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND A DUTY TO IT ALL. THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE.  
7 AND THEN FINALLY, I REALLY DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO COME UP  
8 WITH A MECHANISM IN WHICH WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. AGAIN,  
9 AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MIGHT LOSE. I MEAN, ANY TIME YOU'RE  
10 ASKING ANYONE TO INCREASE THEIR TAXES, IT'S A HARD THING TO DO  
11 EVEN WHEN THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST IS INVOLVED. BUT AT THE SAME  
12 TIME, WHEN THEY CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THAT ASPECT OF IT, AND  
13 THAT'S THE PART I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WITH THE CITIES. OPPOSING  
14 IT, KNOWING FULL WELL YOU ALL MIGHT COME IN AND FINE THEM,  
15 SANCTION THEM OR OTHERWISE, THEY WERE STILL SITTING VERY  
16 OPENLY SAYING: MY CITY AND MY CITY COUNCIL'S NOT SUPPORTING  
17 THIS. SO WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS FIND A WAY TO GET BACK TO  
18 BASICS. I'VE ASKED OUR PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN WITH  
19 YOU ALL. WE BROUGHT IN A MOTION THAT SAYS LET'S CLOSE THE  
20 PUBLIC HEARING. LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE  
21 THIS HAPPEN AND TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO PLACE IT ON THE  
22 NEXT BALLOT. AND WHEN THAT WILL BE. SO THAT IS THE MOTION THAT  
23 WE HAVE BEFORE YOU AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT  
24 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE ARE NOT SUPPORTIVE. WE ALL ARE  
25 SUPPORTIVE I THINK, FOR THE MOST PART OF TRYING TO CLEAN OUR



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1 STORM WATER. IT'S JUST WE HAVE TO FIND THE MECHANISM AS TO HOW  
2 WE'RE GOING GET THIS DONE. HOW WE'RE GOING TO PUT DOLLARS ON  
3 THE TABLE. HOW TO GET PROJECTS DEFINED AND WELL UNDERSTOOD.  
4 HOW EVERYBODY IS GOING TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT OUR WHOLE  
5 RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THIS. AND THEN I THINK THERE WE HAVE A  
6 FAIR SHOT. NOT POSSIBLY A GUARANTEE, BUT A FAIR SHOT TO GO TO  
7 VOTERS AND HOPEFULLY GET THE SUPPORT THAT WE NEED TO EITHER  
8 GET SOME KIND OF DOLLARS ON THE TABLE. BUT HOPEFULLY THERE'S  
9 GOING TO BE THE KIND OF DOLLARS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY YES,  
10 THIS IS A PROJECT THAT YOU SHOULD DO. ONCE THEY DO IT, I DON'T  
11 KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO MEET ALL OF THE STANDARDS. BUT THERE'S  
12 GOING TO BE SOME COOPERATION. BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
13 POTENTIALLY AT THIS TIME TRYING TO MOVE THE 33 POLLUTANTS THAT  
14 WE HAVE, IT'S GOING TO COST US BILLIONS COLLECTIVELY. AND I  
15 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE COLLECTING BILLIONS NOW. IT'S A START.  
16 BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO BE THE KIND OF DOLLARS  
17 THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO MEET THE END OF THE 33 POLLUTANTS  
18 THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS PERMIT.

19

20 **SAMUEL UNGER:** AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT  
21 THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THAT THE PERMIT THAT WAS ADOPTED  
23 LAST YEAR BY OUR BOARD REALLY SORT OF ENDED A PARADIGM OF  
24 CONTENTION BETWEEN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
25 THE BOARD TO ONE OF COLLABORATION NOW.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I WAS LISTENING TO YOUR COMMISSIONERS. AND  
3 THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE SHOULD  
4 CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO A LATER TIME. THEY WERE SORT OF SAYING  
5 YOU SHOULD DO THIS, AND THEN YOU SHOULD DO THAT, AND WE'RE  
6 READY TO DO THAT. THAT'S WHY I WANTED THEM TO STAY. BECAUSE I  
7 DON'T THINK WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE.

8

9 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I WILL CONVEY THE MESSAGE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** [OFF MIC.] -- CITIES HAVE CALLED OUR OFFICE  
15 SAYING THAT YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN CALLING CITIES TELLING THEM TO  
16 COME DOWN AND SUPPORT OR THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FUTURE FINES  
17 ON THEIR PROJECTS.

18

19 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED ON THE  
20 STAFF LEVEL. AND I DO NOT KNOW OF THAT ON THE BOARD LEVEL. I  
21 CAN'T RESPOND TO THAT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WOULD NOT BE A RESPONSIBLE ACT. ONE OF  
24 THE LARGEST INDUSTRIES OF GENERATING JOBS IN OUR SOUTHERN  
25 CALIFORNIA L.A. COUNTY'S ECONOMY IS TOURISM. AND YET THE



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1 POLLUTION ON THE HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS ARE GOING TO BE EXEMPT,  
2 I AM TOLD. WHICH MEANS THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD BE  
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLLUTION BY PEOPLE WHO ARE NONRESIDENTS  
4 OF THE COMMUNITY.

5

6 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I'M NOT SURE THAT'S ENTIRELY ACCURATE. WHAT  
7 HAPPENS IS, THE REGIONAL BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ONE OF  
8 NINE REGIONAL BOARDS WITH THE STATE BOARD. AND THE STATE BOARD  
9 IS IN THE MIDST OF ADOPTING A STATEWIDE PERMIT FOR CALTRANS  
10 AND FOR THE ROADWAYS RUNNING THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES. SO THAT  
11 WILL BE ADMINISTERED. WE WILL BE DOING A LOT OF THE  
12 INSPECTIONS AND THE ON THE GROUND WORK HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES  
13 REGION. BUT IT'S ACTUALLY, THEY ARE GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO A  
14 DIFFERENT PERMIT THAN A MUNICIPAL PERMIT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US, WOULD ALL OF THE  
17 REVENUES GENERATED IN THE PROPOSAL PAY FOR ALL THE PROJECTS  
18 THAT ARE BEING RECOMMENDED BY YOU?

19

20 **SAMUEL UNGER:** I THINK THEY WILL GO A LONG WAY TO PROVIDING A  
21 GREAT START AND REALLY I THINK THE CRUX THERE IS GOING TO BE  
22 WITHIN THE PLANS THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO US AT THE END OF  
23 THIS YEAR BY THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THEM TO SPECIFY A TIMELINE  
24 THAT -- AND THE T.M.D.L.S HAVE THESE TIMELINES, AND SOME OF  
25 THEM STRETCH FOR DECADES, BY WHICH THEY CAN IMPLEMENT THESE



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1 PROJECTS IN A MANNER WHICH THEY CAN LIVE WITHIN THE BUDGETS  
2 THAT THESE PROJECTS WILL CAUSE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 3 TO \$4 BILLION IN  
5 NEEDED PROJECTS, AND THIS IS ONLY GOING TO GENERATE OVER \$200  
6 MILLION A YEAR.

7

8 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THAT'S PER YEAR AGAIN. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OVER  
9 DECADES.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW, WE'RE TALKING MILLIONS. BUT THE  
12 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS WILL NEVER REACH UP TO THE BILLIONS. AND  
13 THEN ARE YOU FINED IN BETWEEN?

14

15 **SAMUEL UNGER:** NO. THERE'S A COMPLIANCE MECHANISM IN THE PERMIT  
16 THAT IF THE PROJECTS ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
17 THE SCHEDULES THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED, THAT THE PERMITEES WILL  
18 BE DEEMED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU'RE  
19 CONCERNED ABOUT, THAT IS THE T.M.D.L.S AND RECEIVING WATER  
20 LIMITATIONS. SO IT WAS A HISTORIC PERMIT IN MANY RESPECTS,  
21 BECAUSE IT PROVIDED THIS COMPLIANCE MECHANISM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YET YOU FEEL IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT L.A.  
24 COUNTY RESIDENTS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RUNOFF OF VENTURA  
25 COUNTY, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY?





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2 **SAMUEL UNGER:** NO, NO, I DO NOT. NO, NO. VENTURA COUNTY HAS ITS  
3 OWN MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PERMIT.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY'RE STILL HAVING THE WATERS COME DOWN  
6 TO OUR JURISDICTION. KERN COUNTY.

7

8 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THEY'RE VERY MINOR. WE CONSIDER THEM TO BE --  
9 WE'VE LOOKED AT THOSE INPUTS THROUGH OUR T.M.D.L. PROCESS, AND  
10 WE CONSIDER THE WASTE LOADS THAT THOSE WATERS BRING DOWN TO BE  
11 MINOR. SO THEY ARE SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT STORM WATER PERMITS.  
12 AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTY IS NOT IN OUR JURISDICTION AT ALL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT CLEAN WATER IS A  
15 NECESSITY AND IT'S A STATE ISSUE AND IT'S A FEDERAL ISSUE.

16

17 **SAMUEL UNGER:** ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY SHOULD ONE COUNTY, RIGHT NOW YOU'RE  
20 FOCUSING ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHY ISN'T IT ALL 58 COUNTIES  
21 AND THE STATE IS THERE WITH THEIR RESOURCES TO FUND THESE  
22 PROGRAMS? JUST LIKE THE STATE NOW IS SHIPPING THEIR PRISON  
23 INMATES DOWN HERE FOR US TO ASSUME THOSE COSTS, 100 PERCENT  
24 LIABILITIES AND 100 PERCENT CARE, REHAB, ET CETERA, HOUSING,  
25 ALL OF THOSE PROJECTS, NOW IT'S ON THE BACK OF THE LOCAL



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1 TAXPAYER. WHY IS THIS WATER ISSUE ON THE BACK OF THE LOCAL  
2 TAXPAYER? THAT SHOULD BE A STATE RESPONSIBILITY. AND OUR  
3 EFFORTS SHOULD BE GEARED TOWARD THE STATE TO MAKE THIS A  
4 PRIORITY. AND FUNDING 58 COUNTIES TO RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT  
5 ISSUE.

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7 **SAMUEL UNGER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I CAN'T REALLY COMMENT ON  
8 THE FACT THAT THE STATE IS IMPLEMENTING A FEDERAL LAW. BUT I  
9 WILL SAY THAT IN THE PAST, THE STATE HAS ADOPTED SEVERAL  
10 PROPOSITIONS THAT HAVE PROVIDED REMUNERATION TO VARIOUS  
11 MUNICIPALITIES FOR THESE TYPES OF STORM WATER PROJECTS, THE  
12 SAME ONES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT NOW UNDER THIS PERMIT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY'RE NOT FUNDING 100 PERCENT THE  
15 PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING RECOMMENDED BY YOU AT THIS TIME IN  
16 L.A. COUNTY.

17

18 **SAMUEL UNGER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT IT OUGHT TO BE FUNDING AT  
21 100 PERCENT. AND YOU'RE LOBBYING EFFORT AND YOUR MEMBERS  
22 SHOULD BE GEARED TOWARD THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENSURE THAT  
23 THOSE FUNDS ARE PART OF THEIR BUDGET.

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1   **SAMUEL UNGER:** I KNOW THAT OUR BOARD MEMBERS SPEAK FREQUENTLY  
2   WITH PEOPLE AT THE STATE BOARD ABOUT WHATEVER FUNDING IS  
3   AVAILABLE, THAT WE BRING THAT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE'VE  
4   BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS  
5   THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER ACT ACCOUNT AND THINGS LIKE THAT TO  
6   L.A. COUNTY.

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8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE HAVE \$5 BILLION IN NEED OF PROJECTS  
9   NOW. OBVIOUSLY THE STATE HAS NOT FUNDED THOSE PROJECTS. AND I  
10   WOULD ASSUME IN THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES THERE ARE NEEDS, AS  
11   WELL. BUT, AGAIN, IT SHOULD BE A STATE RESPONSIBILITY. OUR  
12   REGIONAL BOARD SHOULD BE WORKING WITH THE STATE TO FUND ALL 58  
13   COUNTIES AND NOT PLACE THIS ON THE BACK OF THE TAXPAYER  
14   THROUGH A PARCEL TAX.

15

16   **SAMUEL UNGER:** IN ALL DUE RESPECT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S  
17   A POLICY DISCUSSION.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW IT'S A REVENUE DISCUSSION BECAUSE  
20   YOU'RE ASKING US TO TAX OUR TAXPAYERS IN OUR REGION. AND BY  
21   DOING IT, EVEN THOUGH I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T DO THE PRINTING OF  
22   THE BALLOT THAT WENT OUT AT CHRISTMAS TIME DISGUISED AS A  
23   PIECE OF JUNK MAIL WITHOUT A RETURN ENVELOPE, HAVING PEOPLE  
24   THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THEY WANTED TO DEPOSIT THEIR  
25   BALLOT, HAVE TO DRIVE DOWN TO THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,



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1 WHICH IS AN INCONVENIENCE, NOT HAVING A RETURN ENVELOPE AS YOU  
2 DO WITH ANY OTHER NORMAL ABSENTEE BALLOT. IT WAS REALLY GEARED  
3 AGAINST THE PEOPLE, MORE FOR ANOTHER TAX.

4

5 **SAMUEL UNGER:** YEAH, OUR BOARD WAS NOT INVOLVED IN CREATING  
6 THOSE MATERIALS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. BUT YOUR BOARD IS ASKING FOR US TO  
9 SUPPORT THIS, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD ALL THESE IMPERFECTIONS IN  
10 GETTING WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

11

12 **SAMUEL UNGER:** WELL, I THINK OUR BOARD TOOK A VIEW LAST  
13 NOVEMBER TO AGAIN TRY TO CHANGE YEARS OF CONTENTION INTO A  
14 PARADIGM TO ESSENTIALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REMAKING THE WATER  
15 INFRASTRUCTURE IN L.A. COUNTY TO PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE WATER  
16 SUPPLY COULD GIVE, THAT COULD BE PROVIDED UNDER A STORM WATER  
17 PERMIT. THE ADVANTAGES OF HARVESTING STORM WATER HAVE NOT YET  
18 BEEN CALCULATED IN THE COSTS THAT YOU'RE QUOTING. AND I THINK  
19 THERE'S QUITE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE THE SYSTEM TO SERVE  
20 OUR POPULATION AS WE HAVE IT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT SHOULD BE A STATE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
23 MODERNIZE THAT SYSTEM AND NOT THE LOCAL PROPERTY OWNER.

24

25 **SAMUEL UNGER:** AGAIN, I'M NOT VERSED IN THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE  
5 US? QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I GUESS IN DISCUSSIONS I'VE HEARD THAT IN MY  
8 MOTION, I WOULD WITHDRAW THE AMENDED LANGUAGE THAT I SAID. BUT  
9 IN MY MOTION UNDER ITEM NO. 3, AND I THINK ZEV WILL BE OKAY  
10 WITH THIS, WHERE IT SAYS "DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK  
11 REGARDING THE NECESSARY STEPS THE COUNTY MUST TAKE SHOULD THE  
12 BOARD DECIDE TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
13 AND DETERMINE POTENTIAL FUTURE ELECTION DATES" AND THEN ADD  
14 WITH JUNE 2014 OR NOVEMBER 2014 AS A GOAL TO ENSURE  
15 TRANSPARENCY TO THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER  
18 DISCUSSION ON THE LANGUAGE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** AS I UNDERSTAND, AS THE CO-MAKER OF THE MOTION,  
21 YOU ARE OKAY WITH THAT?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT WHILE MY MOTION  
24 DIDN'T HAVE THAT, I DO WANT IT TO BE SORT OF SET THAT WE HAVE  
25 TO GO TO VOTERS IN SOME FASHION. THERE HAS TO BE A GOAL. THERE



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1 HAS TO BE SOMETHING. I DON'T WANT THEM TO KEEP REPORTING TO US  
2 EVERY QUARTER AND SAYING "WELL, WE'RE WORKING ON IT, WE  
3 STARTED WORKING ON IT." BECAUSE I THINK THAT THEY NEED A  
4 TARGET DATE AS TO WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO GET THIS GOING. AND I  
5 THINK THAT'S A POSITIVE ASPECT OF IT. NOW, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE  
6 WE CAN ALWAYS SAY IT'S NOT GOING TO GO ON THE BALLOT. AT THE  
7 END OF THE DAY, IT COMES BEFORE US. SO MY ISSUE IS THAT I  
8 THINK PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER IT'S A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
9 WORKS, THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD, THE ACTIVISTS, THE CITIES,  
10 EVERYONE THAT NEEDS TO BE A PART OF IT HAS TO HAVE A TARGET  
11 DATE. I'M WORRIED WITHOUT IT, IT'S JUST GOING TO SLIP INTO --  
12 AND THAT'S MY CONCERN. THERE'S SO MUCH THAT COULD HAPPEN IN  
13 BETWEEN.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD IT A SECOND. SUPERVISOR  
16 YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE HEARD IN A MOMENT. ARE WE CLARIFIED ON  
17 YOUR LANGUAGE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WOULD BE OUR ADDITION.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ALSO ASK THAT WE  
25 HAVE A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 90 DAYS FROM



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1 NOW AT A BOARD MEETING, WHATEVER THE CLOSEST BOARD MEETING, SO  
2 THAT WE CAN GET A PROGRESS REPORT ON WHAT'S BEEN DONE. I'M  
3 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE THIS IS GOING. IT WILL TAKE FOUR  
4 VOTES TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT. WHENEVER WE DECIDE TO PUT IT  
5 ON THE BALLOT. FOUR OUT OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS HAVE TO VOTE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. THAT WILL BE  
7 A STEEP MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB AS IT ALWAYS IS WHEN YOU HAVE TO GET  
8 FOUR OUT OF FIVE PEOPLE TO DO IT. SO THE SOONER WE KNOW WHAT  
9 THE PARAMETERS ARE AND THE SOONER WE KNOW WHAT THE VEHICLES  
10 ARE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE, WHERE  
11 THEY ARE. GAIL, YOU CAN COME FORWARD. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR  
12 OPTIONS ARE, WHAT KIND OF TAXES ARE AVAILABLE TO US, AND THEN  
13 YOU NEED TO START PREPARING NOW FOR HOW YOU WOULD STRUCTURE  
14 ONE OR MORE OF THESE TAXES TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS THAT YOU  
15 NEED TO ACHIEVE. AND THAT WILL BE DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL  
16 THE STAKEHOLDERS AND EVERYBODY THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH. BUT  
17 WE'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME MEAT ON THESE BONES. WE CAN'T JUST LOVE  
18 THIS THING TO DEATH. AND WE CAN'T JUST MEET THIS THING TO  
19 DEATH. THE DECISIONS ARE -- THE DECISION DATES ARE UPON US.  
20 AND I'M NOT SURE THERE IS AN EASY WAY OR A WAY TO GET THIS  
21 SUCCESSFULLY TO RAISE THE KIND OF REVENUES THAT ARE REQUIRED  
22 TO CLEAN THE WATER AND TO CLEAN THE DRINKING WATER AND TO  
23 CLEAN THE OCEAN WATER AND TO DO ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED  
24 TO BE DONE TO MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, I'M NOT SURE THAT  
25 WE'LL EVER GET THERE WITH A VOTE EITHER KIND OF VOTE, THE





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1 MAIL-IN BALLOT OR THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT. THAT'S JUST MY  
2 CONSIDERED JUDGMENT. IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO RILE PEOPLE UP IN  
3 THIS ENVIRONMENT. AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS CORRECT, AS OTHERS  
4 HAVE BEEN CORRECT IN SAYING THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE A  
5 SUFFICIENTLY. AND THAT'S ALL OF US, NOT JUST THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 PUBLIC WORKS, DONE AN ADEQUATE JOB OF EXPLAINING THIS, TO THE  
7 PUBLIC, TO OURSELVES AND TO THE PUBLIC. IT'S BEEN A ONE-SIDED  
8 ARGUMENT SINCE DECEMBER AND IT'S GOT TO BE BROADENED INTO WHAT  
9 THE STAKES ARE, BOTH THE PUBLIC STAKES AS WELL AS THE  
10 FINANCIAL STAKES IF WE DON'T DO THIS. BUT WE NEED -- THE  
11 REASON WE ARE HERE TODAY AND THE REASON WE WERE HERE IN  
12 JANUARY IS BECAUSE WE HAD A DEADLINE. WE HAD A SELF-IMPOSED  
13 DEADLINE OF TRYING TO GET THIS MAIL BALLOT OUT BY A CERTAIN  
14 TIME. SO EVERYBODY GOT TO WORK AND GOT BUSY ABOUT GETTING TO  
15 THIS POINT. IF WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF DEADLINE HANGING  
16 OVER OUR HEADS AGAIN, THEN THIS THING IS GOING TO BE  
17 LANGUISHING AND WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK HERE IN SEPTEMBER AND NEXT  
18 MARCH HAVING THE SAME DISCUSSION. MOST OF THE PEOPLE, IN MY  
19 OPINION, MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE TODAY TO OPPOSE THIS  
20 MEASURE, THE MAIL-IN BALLOT MEASURE WILL OPPOSE THE BALLOT  
21 MEASURE. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE TAXED. I UNDERSTAND THAT. I  
22 DON'T, EITHER. SO LET'S BE UP FRONT ABOUT IT. WE'VE GOT TO  
23 REACH OUT TO A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD  
24 FROM AND ON WHOM WE'RE GOING TO BE DEPENDING TO MAKE AN  
25 INFORMED DECISION ON WHETHER TO APPROVE A FUNDING PACKAGE OR



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1 NOT. SO I'M GOING TO ASK -- I'M NOT DOING TOO WELL TODAY. AND  
2 I THINK THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. SO MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE  
3 SHOULD PROPOSE IT. BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A 90-DAY  
4 REPORT BACK AT THE BOARD. NOT IN A MEMO ONLY. BUT AT A BOARD.  
5 A SET ITEM AT THE BOARD SOMETIME IN JUNE, WHATEVER THE CLOSEST  
6 DATE TO THE 90 DAYS IS. I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE LANGUAGE, DON,  
7 BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH IT BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY THING GOING.  
8 BUT I'LL TELL YOU, WE HAVE A LONG, LONG WAY TO GO. AND I WARN  
9 THE PEOPLE WHO CAME DOWN HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT DOING SOMETHING  
10 ABOUT THIS TO KEEP VIGILANT AND KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT'S BEING  
11 DONE HERE. MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT'S NOT BEING DONE HERE. AND  
12 CERTAINLY I WILL. BUT THIS IS NOT A VICTORY FOR CLEAN WATER  
13 TODAY. IT'S JUST A WORK IN PROGRESS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THE MOTION STANDS AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
19 AND MYSELF. I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE. WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.  
20 I SAID THAT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE RUSH TO JUDGMENT IN  
21 DECEMBER AND JANUARY. SO I'M AGREEING WITH YOU THERE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT --

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM SUPPORTIVE. I DON'T MIND THE LANGUAGE THAT

3 THE GOAL BE FOR THESE ELECTIONS, POTENTIAL ELECTIONS. I DON'T

4 MIND THAT. BUT IT HAS TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IT'S NOT

5 ABSOLUTE IN THAT. BUT IF YOU DON'T PREPARE FOR THAT, THEN YOU

6 GOT NOTHING, RIGHT? BECAUSE THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE THE FOUR

7 VOTES OR THREE VOTES OR WHATEVER YOU NEED TO GET TO THAT GOAL.

8 SO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK THAT AS A TARGET DATE IF WE'RE

9 GOING TO GO TO VOTERS AT ALL. IT HAS TO BE THOSE ELECTIONS. SO

10 THAT IS A GOAL. BUT THE OTHER PART OF IT THAT HAS TO BE

11 UNDERSTOOD BY EVERYONE IS WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO TO THE VOTERS

12 IF SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE NOT INFORMED RESULTS. WE NEED A

13 TEAM OF CITIES THAT ARE GOING TO COME TOGETHER, RECOGNIZING

14 AND UNDERSTAND THE DUTY THAT THEY HAVE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW -- I

15 DON'T KNOW THAT I WOULD MIND A 90-DAY REPORT AS TO WHAT WE'RE

16 DOING IN THAT AREA TO START THAT KIND OF CAMPAIGN. EVERY CITY

17 SHOULD BE WITH US, NUMBER ONE. SECOND OF ALL, THAT WE RESOLVED

18 ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ABOUT CREDITS AND THE SCHOOLS AND WAIVERS

19 AND ALL OF THAT. IT SHOULDN'T BE AN OPEN-ENDED THING. I THINK

20 WE NEED COOPERATION FOR THE REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT AS TO IF

21 IN FACT THIS PERMIT HAS APPROVED PROJECTS, THEN CLUE ME IN. I

22 DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY. BUT IF HE SAYS THAT'S THE CASE, THEN

23 MAYBE Y'ALL HAVEN'T SHARED WITH ME. SO I DON'T MIND THIS 90

24 DAYS FROM NOW WITH HAVING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR IT. I DON'T THINK

25 IT'S THE SAME THING AS A 4-1/2 HOUR PUBLIC HEARING WHERE



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1 PEOPLE PROTESTING IT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. HOPEFULLY IT'S  
2 GOING TO BE EVERYBODY AGREEING WE'VE DONE THIS MUCH, WE'VE GOT  
3 THIS MUCH MORE TO GO BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS TO GET IT ON THE JUNE  
4 BALLOT. IF WE CAN'T GET IT THERE, WE WILL GO TO THE NOVEMBER  
5 BALLOT. I WANT US TO KNOW WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE WITH THIS. I'M  
6 NOT OPPOSED TO THIS AS A PARTICIPATORY TAX MECHANISM. WE ALL  
7 HAVE TO PARTICIPATE AT SOME LEVEL. BUT IT HASN'T BEEN  
8 DETERMINED AS YET. IT IS VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT I DON'T WANT  
9 THIS KIND OF POSTCARD PROCESS THAT WAS DONE THAT JUST GOES TO  
10 HOMEOWNERS AND IF ONLY FIVE PERCENT OBJECT, WHATEVER. I DON'T  
11 WANT THAT. I WANT IT TO BE MORE UP FRONT. PARTNERSHIP WITH  
12 TAXPAYERS ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT I WANT US TO HAVE A CLEAR  
13 UNDERSTANDING. AND THE LAST TIME THIS WAS REPORTED, THERE WERE  
14 A LOT OF LOOSE ENDS. DON, WHAT I'M SAYING IS I DON'T HAVE A  
15 PROBLEM WITH ZEV'S 90-DAY REPORT. OKAY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. POINT MADE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT US TO INCLUDE THAT BECAUSE LEAST WE'LL  
20 HAVE --

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE. I MEAN I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE CAN HAVE AS A SET ITEM AND WE CAN LISTEN  
25 TO AGAIN EVERYONE COME IN FOR A MINUTE. BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO



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1 HAVE SOME DETERMINATION THAT THIS IS MOVING FORWARD WITH A  
2 TARGET DATE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I AGREE. I WAS NOT OPPOSED TO YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THERE IS STILL THE LANGUAGE  
7 OF A GOAL OF 2014 IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AS ACCEPTED BY THE  
8 SUPERVISOR.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** 90 DAY REPORT TO THE BOARD, NOT BY REPORT.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT SEEMS TO ME IF WE ARE  
13 CONCERNED ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY AND MOVING THIS FORWARD, 90  
14 DAYS IS THE FIRST POINT WHICH WE WOULD HAVE A REPORT BACK.  
15 WISDOM WOULD SUGGEST -- PARDON ME, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH --  
16 THAT WE WOULD HAVE QUARTERLY REPORT BACKS UNTIL WE FIND OUR  
17 WAY TO THE BALLOT. AND IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE, I THINK WE WOULD  
18 DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE REPORT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE  
21 ALL EXISTING REVENUES THAT HAVE ALREADY -- COULD BE USED IN  
22 PUBLIC WORKS FOR THIS PROJECT OR THESE PROJECTS. AND THE  
23 REVENUES YOU'RE LOOKING AT ARE TO BE BASICALLY EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
24 THE PROJECTS, NOT BUILDING UP ANOTHER OFFICE, ANOTHER



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT PROJECTS BUT ACTUALLY INTO  
2 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THOSE PROJECTS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT'S BEFORE US  
5 IS THE MOLINA-KNABE MOTION WITH A GOAL AS AMENDED WITH A GOAL  
6 OF THE 2014 BALLOT, JUNE OR NOVEMBER DEPENDING ON THE BOARD'S  
7 DETERMINATION, WITH QUARTERLY REPORT BACKS, THE FIRST OF WHICH  
8 IS DUE 90 DAYS FROM TODAY. IT IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY  
9 OBJECTION?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD OBJECT JUST ON THE BASIS THAT THIS IS  
12 A STATE RESPONSIBILITY. AND THE STATE SHOULD BE PROVIDING 100  
13 PERCENT OF THESE COSTS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT IS IT YOU'RE OBJECTING  
16 TO, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY OBJECTION IS YOU'RE AIMING FOR A 2014  
19 BALLOT WHEN THE STATE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYING THE  
20 REVENUE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A 2014 BALLOT.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THEY COME UP WITH -- [OFF MIC.]

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THEN, IS IT YOUR INTENT TO  
2   OPPOSE THE MOTION AS AMENDED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? WHAT IS  
3   YOUR PLEASURE?

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OPPOSE THE MOTION.

6

7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
8   PLEASE RECORD A MOTION 4-1 AND THE MATTER IS ADOPTED AS SO  
9   INDICATED AS AMENDED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LADIES AND  
10  GENTLEMEN, FOR BEING HERE. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM ON  
11  THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM 4, WE ARE CONTINUING  
12  NUMBER 1 IN ITEM 4 PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR  
13  MOLINA. THAT ITEM WAS ADOPTED. WE WILL PULL IT, IT'S ALREADY  
14  CONSIDERED, RECONSIDERED AND WE ARE FOR THE MONEY OF ITEM 4.  
15  NO. 1 OF ITEM 4. RECOMMENDATION 1. YES, IT'S THE MONEY PIECE.

16

17  **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S THE FIRST ITEM, WHICH IS THE MONEY PIECE.

18

19  **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. I'M ASKING THAT THAT PORTION BE  
20  CONTINUED.

21

22  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO  
23  OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

24

25  **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT IS CONTINUED THE FIRST PORTION?





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE FIRST PORTION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK SACHI GOT THAT.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I DID. I'M SORRY. YEAH, THERE'S A  
7 NUMBER OF EVERYTHING'S GOING ON.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME. WE'RE STILL IN  
10 SESSION, PLEASE. SERGEANT, WOULD YOU RESTRAIN COUNTY COUNSEL  
11 WHO IS DISRUPTING THE MEETING? THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 4, WHICH WAS  
14 JUST APPROVED, ITEM NUMBER -- RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 OF THE ITEM  
15 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN MR. CHAIRMAN  
20 AND MEMBERS, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT  
21 BECAUSE WE HAD REQUESTED TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND TABULATE THE  
22 PROTESTS, TO REPORT OUT THE PROTESTS. SO THE TOTAL PARCELS  
23 ELIGIBLE TO BE PROTESTED WAS 2,202,557. OUT OF THOSE, THERE  
24 WERE VALID PROTESTS RECEIVED WERE 113,422.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT.

2

3    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE TOTAL AMOUNT COUNTED WAS  
4    114,004, NOT COUNTED 4,547. AGAIN TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTESTS  
5    RECEIVED 118,551. PERCENTAGE OF VALID PROTESTS WAS 5.18  
6    PERCENT.

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ARE WE NOW IN  
9    COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF COUNSEL?

10

11    **JOHN KRATTLI:** YES, WE ARE.

12

13    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET'S PROCEED  
14    TO THE NEXT ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US. WE HAD ANOTHER ITEM THAT'S  
15    BEING RECONSIDERED? IT WAS ALREADY RECONSIDERED, ITEM NO. 8.  
16    SORRY.

17

18    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN. BEFORE WE  
19    GO THERE, CAN I JUST DO A COUPLE CLARIFICATIONS --

20

21    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY.

22

23    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** -- ON TWO ITEMS AND THEN WE CAN  
24    MOVE ON TO THOSE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 45, I KNOW IT WAS EARLIER  
25    APPROVED, BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS WAS -- AND



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1 I DID READ IT INTO THE RECORD -- IT WAS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO  
2 MARCH 22, 2013. AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 36, THIS ITEM WE NEEDED A  
3 VOTE ON. IT WAS BEING HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, THEY  
4 DID NOT SPEAK ON IT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES.  
7 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON  
8 ITEM NO. 36.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN WE HAVE ITEM  
11 NO. 8 AND 46-C. 46-C, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS. I DON'T  
12 KNOW IF THEY'RE STILL HERE. BUT ITEM NO. 8 WAS ALSO  
13 RECONSIDERED AND WE'RE HOLDING ON THE TABLE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE SPEAKERS TO  
16 BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 46. LET US THEN CONSIDER THOSE PERSONS  
17 WHO ARE -- HAVE BEEN WAITING. MARGARET SIEGEL. FRED  
18 MAGENHEIMER. MARK GALE AND DEBBIE COHEN. IF YOU WOULD COME  
19 FORWARD, PLEASE.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST ONE LAST  
22 CLARIFICATION. ON ITEM NO. 36, THAT ITEM ACTUALLY WAS  
23 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS BY THE FIRE CHIEF. SO I WANT TO HAVE THE  
24 RECORD REFLECT THAT. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST READ THE AMENDMENT  
4    TO THE MOTION, TO AMEND THE MOTION.

5

6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT MOTION? WHAT ITEM ARE YOU  
7    SPEAKING OF? ITEM NO. 36 RIGHT?

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9    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 46-C?

10

11    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ARE WE CLEAR ABOUT WHICH MOTION,  
12    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE ON LAURA'S LAW, RIGHT?

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16    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** "TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE  
19    CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE FOR THE EXPANSION OF LAURA'S LAW THAT  
20    ALLOWS COUNTIES TO PURSUE THE OPTION OF COURT-ORDERED MENTAL  
21    HEALTH TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE TO GET TREATMENT ON  
22    THEIR OWN AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SUCH PROGRAMS, DIRECT THE  
23    COUNTY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT LAURA'S LAW AT THE  
24    APPROPRIATE HEARINGS." THAT WILL BE THE AMENDMENT TO THAT.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEING CIRCULATED  
2    FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

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4    **SUP. KNABE:** BASICALLY YOU'RE WITHDRAWING THE BILL NUMBERS.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, YES, YES. BECAUSE THEY MAY CHANGE BILL  
7    NUMBERS.

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9    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE  
10   CONTINUING THIS EARLIER. ARE YOU NOW --

11

12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CONTACT SPORT TODAY.

13

14   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WILL YOU BE  
15   CONTINUING THIS ITEM? OR IS IT GOING TO BE -- TO APPROVE.  
16   OKAY. THANK YOU.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE:** BASICALLY TOOK OUT THE BILL NUMBERS BUT GO AHEAD  
19   AND SUPPORT THE CONCEPT.

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21   **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.  
24   ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? THEN LET'S TURN TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
25   PATIENTLY WAITED. WE CALLED YOUR NAMES. PLEASE PROCEED.



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2 **MARGARET SIEGEL:** I'M MARGARET SIEGEL AND I WANT TO THANK

3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR SUBMITTING THIS RESOLUTION TO

4 IMPLEMENT LAURA'S LAW THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I'M A FACILITATOR

5 AT NAMI CARE AND SHARE MEETINGS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE

6 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND I'M A FAMILY MEMBER MYSELF.

7 EVERY WEEK I HEAR THE PAIN OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHOSE LOVED ONES

8 ARE OUT ON THE STREET SUFFERING REPEATED HOSPITALIZATIONS AND

9 SUFFERING PRISON INCARCERATIONS OR REPEATED JAIL

10 INCARCERATIONS. THEY ARE DESPERATE TO LEAD THEIR FAMILY MEMBER

11 TO TREATMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS

12 OF MAJOR MENTAL ILLNESS IS AN INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE OR

13 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ILLNESS AND A RESISTANCE TO GET HELP. I'VE

14 HEARD A PRESENTATION FROM NEVADA COUNTY ON HOW SUCCESSFUL THE

15 IMPLEMENTATION OF LAURA'S LAW IS THERE. AS FAMILY MEMBERS WE

16 WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF IMPLEMENTATION OF LAURA'S LAW SAVED THE

17 LIFE OF ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT AS COUNTY

18 SUPERVISORS, IF YOU SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF LAURA'S LAW,

19 WHATEVER THE COST IS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SERVED, THERE CAN BE

20 AN ENORMOUS COST SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF REDUCED POLICE AND

21 SHERIFF CALLS, REDUCED HOSPITALIZATION AND REDUCED

22 INCARCERATION. PLEASE JOIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH OUT OF

23 COMPASSION FOR OUR FAMILIES AND AS A COUNTY LONG TERM COST

24 SAVINGS MEASURE. PLEASE JOIN HIM IN SUPPORTING THIS

25 RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **FRED MAGENHEIMER:** MY NAME IS FRED MAGENHEIMER. I HAVE A SON  
5 WHO LIVES WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA. I'M HERE SPEAKING FOR NAMI LONG  
6 BEACH FAMILIES. OUR BELIEF IS IN LAURA'S LAW. LAURA'S LAW  
7 RELATES TO THE FACT THAT IT WILL PROVIDE TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR  
8 PEOPLE BEFORE THEY REACH A CRISIS STAGE AND NEED CRISIS  
9 TREATMENT IN EMERGENCY ROOMS, PSYCHIATRIC WARDS AND EVEN  
10 WORSE, JAILS. THESE ARE THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLACES TO PROVIDE  
11 TREATMENT. LAURA'S LAW PROVIDES FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
12 THEIR TREATMENT PLAN IN THE COMMUNITY, A MUCH MORE HUMANE AND  
13 INEXPENSIVE WAY TO PROVIDE TREATMENT. AS PRESIDENT OF NAMI  
14 LONG BEACH, I SEE FAMILIES IN CRISIS. THEY WOULD BE HELPED BY  
15 LAURA'S LAW. THEIR LOVED ONES WOULD BE TREATED MORE HUMANELY  
16 AND LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE CURRENT SYSTEM ALLOWS. THANK YOU  
17 FOR PASSING LAURA'S LAW IN L.A. COUNTY. PLEASE HELP TO EXPAND  
18 ITS USE BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **DEBBIE COHEN:** MY NAME IS DEBBIE COHEN. AND I'M A PROUD MEMBER  
23 OF NAMI IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I PARTICIPATE IN MANY PARENT  
24 MEETINGS WITH NAMI. IT'S HEARTBREAKING TO HEAR THE REPEATED  
25 STORIES OF PARENTS WHO HAVE TO CALL 911 OR PED OR SMART OR





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1 P.M.R.T. DUE TO THE CHILD'S VIOLENCE OUTBREAKS. THE CHILDREN  
2 ARE TAKEN TO VARIOUS FACILITIES AND THEY STAY TWO DAYS UP TO  
3 TWO WEEKS. AND WHEN THEY THEN COME HOME, THEY MOST OF THEM GO  
4 OFF THEIR MEDS THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED. THE CYCLE STARTS ALL  
5 OVER AGAIN. IT'S JUST A REVOLVING DOOR. LAURA'S LAW WOULD GIVE  
6 THE DESPERATELY NEEDED OPPORTUNITIES TO THESE CHILDREN TO  
7 OBTAIN CONSISTENT AND LONGER TERM CARE TO HELP THEM REALIZE  
8 THE BENEFITS OF MEDS TO LIVE A PRODUCTIVE LIFE. WITHOUT THIS,  
9 IT'S POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF THEM MIGHT LOOK FORWARD TO  
10 COMMITTING CRIMES AND DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM AND  
11 HOMELESSNESS AND END THEIR LIVES OR OTHERS, AS WELL. THANK  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINAL  
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, I'M SORRY. JOHN WALSH WISHES TO BE HEARD  
16 ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU. THAT WILL BE THE FINAL SPEAKER.  
17 PROCEED, SIR.

18

19 **MARK GALE:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME  
20 IS MARK GALE. I'M FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I'M A PAST  
21 PRESIDENT OF NAMI SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PAST BOARD MEMBER OF  
22 NAMI CALIFORNIA, OUR STATE ORGANIZATION, AND THE NATIONAL  
23 ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, AND A AND A CO-COORDINATOR OF THE  
24 CALIFORNIA TREATMENT ADVOCACY COALITION. SINCE LAURA'S LAW WAS  
25 PASSED IN '02 BUT HAD ENCUMBRANCES THAT HAVE ACTED TO DETER



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1 STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION. DESPITE ADVANCES IN OUR SYSTEM,  
2 INCLUDING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, 20 PERCENT OF OUR  
3 JAIL AND PRISON POPULATION CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED WITH  
4 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. ADDITIONALLY, 35 PERCENT OF OUR  
5 HOMELESS POPULATION CONTINUES TO CONSIST OF PERSONS WITH  
6 MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE'S 3,100 INMATES IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT  
7 IN OUR PRISON SYSTEM AND APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT, 30 PERCENT  
8 OF THOSE HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. AND OUR STATE HOSPITAL  
9 SYSTEM IS FILLED WITH FORENSIC PATIENTS. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS  
10 CONTINUES BECAUSE NO INTERVENTION IS POSSIBLE WITH CLIENTS  
11 UNTIL AN INDIVIDUAL DETERIORATES SO COMPLETELY THAT THEY  
12 REQUIRE EXPENSIVE AND RESTRICTIVE ACUTE INPATIENT  
13 HOSPITALIZATION OR COMMIT A CRIME. IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THIS  
14 WAY. WE HAVE A TOOL IN LAURA'S LAW THAT ESTABLISHES  
15 APPROPRIATE THRESHOLDS FOR INTERVENTION, RESPECTS DUE PROCESS  
16 AND LEAVES ONE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS INTACT. LAURA'S LAW  
17 ASSISTS PEOPLE WHO WERE UNSERVED AND ARE TOO ILL TO KNOW THEY  
18 ARE ILL TO RECEIVE TREATMENT THROUGH A STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN  
19 PROVEN TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE. WE ALSO NEED STATUTORY  
20 CLARIFICATION THAT M.H.S.A. FUNDS CAN ALSO BE USED FOR  
21 TREATMENT UNDER LAURA'S LAW. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND ASK FOR THE  
23 SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.  
24 THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WILL BE EXTREMELY  
25 MEANINGFUL WITH OUR CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND MENTAL HEALTH



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1 DIRECTORS ACROSS OUR STATE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO LEAD THE  
2 WAY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF  
7 THE THREE OF YOU WOULD BE SEATED, AND WE'LL HEAR YOU IN THE  
8 ORDER THAT YOU'RE SEATED. THANK YOU. MR. WALSH?

9

10 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. OF  
11 COURSE, WE ARE 100 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF LAURA'S LAW, AND WE  
12 WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHAIRMAN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR RUNNING AN  
13 EXCELLENT MEETING. I THINK YOU HAVE TO MENTOR MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
18 DISTRICT 3 AND I ALSO SUPPORT LAURA'S LAW.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THERE'S A SUB-CONVERSATION, NO PROBLEM. WE'RE  
23 USED TO IT, RIGHT. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND OBVIOUSLY THIS  
24 SPEAKS TO A VERY LARGE AND SERIOUS PROBLEM WE HAVE. I THINK  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN ON A PERSONAL CRUSADE TO FIGHT



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1 THE STATE SINGLE-HANDEDLY AND WE CERTAINLY ARE TAKING NOTICE  
2 OF THAT. HE'S DOING SO WITH REGARD TO RE-ALIGNMENT IN OUR  
3 JAILS AND OBVIOUSLY HE CARES DEEPLY ABOUT THE MENTALLY ILL.  
4 AND WE OF COURSE SUPPORT THAT CONCERN. WE ARE FACING ENORMOUS  
5 EXPENDITURES IN THESE CATEGORIES, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE JAILS.  
6 AND TODAY THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT WE CALL A FAKE OUT  
7 ONCE AGAIN OF THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF WHEN THESE ITEMS  
8 REGARDING THE JAILS ARE COMING FORWARD. TO BE CLEAR FOR THOSE  
9 WHO ARE UP AT 4 IN THE MORNING, IT WILL BE NEXT WEEK THAT  
10 SHERIFF BACA AND THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR WILL BE REPORTING  
11 TO THIS BOARD, IF I HAVE THAT CORRECT. AND REGARDING LAURA'S  
12 LAW, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE WOMAN WHO SPOKE AT THE VERY  
13 BEGINNING OF THIS MEETING MADE SUCH A TOUCHING PRESENTATION  
14 WHEN SHE DESCRIBED HER OWN JOURNEY, WHICH WAS SHE HAD TO  
15 BOTTOM OUT COMPLETELY PRIOR TO GETTING THE HELP THAT SHE  
16 NEEDED. AND I THINK THAT LAURA'S LAW GOES IN THE RIGHT  
17 DIRECTION TO CATCH THOSE PEOPLE BEFORE THEY FALL COMPLETELY  
18 AND BREAK. AND WE ALSO NOTED, SIR, YOU'RE LOOKING AFTER THE  
19 PERSON IN YOUR JURISDICTION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHO WAS NOT  
20 PROPERLY CARED FOR BY THIS MENTAL HEALTH TEAM, AND THAT'S OF  
21 COURSE NOT THE STATE, THAT'S HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WE WANT  
22 TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS DOING THEIR BEST AND PUTTING  
23 THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD. ONE FINAL NOTE ON THIS, THERE ARE  
24 PEOPLE FROM THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD CALLING CITIES IN YOUR  
25 JURISDICTION AND CAUSING THEM TO FEAR RETALIATION, CERTAINLY



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1 MS. MOLINA IS NOT GOING TO TOLERATE RETALIATION UNLESS SHE'S  
2 DOING IT. SO LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS,  
5 PLEASE.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I,  
8 TOO, SUPPORTING RESOLUTIONS THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING  
9 BENEFICIAL, EXPEDIENT, EVEN COMPASSIONATE, THAT'S FOR ALL  
10 INTENTS AND PURPOSES THE RIGHT THING TO DO. STEPPING UP THE  
11 SUPPORT LAURA'S LAW. STEPPING UP TO SUPPORT CLEAN WATER. BUT  
12 HERE'S THE TOUGH PART. WHO SPEAKS UP WHEN ELECTED OFFICIALS DO  
13 JUST THE OPPOSITE? I MENTIONED THIS MORNING EARLIER  
14 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. PUT A MOTION  
15 THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE CITY OF L.A. USING  
16 MEASURE R FUNDS, ALLOCATING MEASURE R FUNDS FOR A LIGHT RAIL  
17 LINE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY  
18 ADAMANT ABOUT THE USE OF MEASURE R FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE  
19 COUNTY. YOU KNOW HE'S WRONG. BRAND NEW INFORMATION. SPEAK UP  
20 AND SAY WHAT'S THAT KNUCKLEHEAD TALKING ABOUT? THEY DON'T GET  
21 MEASURE R FUNDS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE BANNER BEARER FOR  
22 MEASURE R FUNDS. SPEAK UP WHEN I MENTION THE FACT THAT THERE'S  
23 3 PERCENT LOCAL RETURN AND THAT INGLEWOOD HAS PAYING, THE CITY  
24 OF L.A. HASN'T FOR THE CRENSHAW PRODUCT, FOR THE CRENSHAW  
25 LINE? NO. BUT YOU KNOW BETTER. WHO'S SPEAKING UP? THIS JUMPING



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1 ON THE BANDWAGON STUFF IS REALLY EASY. IT'S FIGHTING THE  
2 BATTLE IN THE TRENCH WHERE YOU FIND OUT WHO YOUR LEADERSHIP  
3 AND WHERE YOUR LEADERSHIP REALLY COMES FROM.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE  
6 PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 46-C AS AMENDED IS BEFORE  
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE ARE NO  
13 OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
14 OFFICER, THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE US.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 8.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 8. WHAT IS  
19 THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER AT THIS POINT?

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT'S ALREADY BEEN RECONSIDERED.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT HAS BEEN RECONSIDERED,  
24 THEREFORE WHAT IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO ALLOW RECOMMENDATIONS BY A COMMITTEE OF  
2   THE WHOLE.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY MOTION FROM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO A COMMITTEE  
5   OF THE WHOLE. AND I ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT. MOVE THE ITEM AS  
6   AMENDED.

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND  
9   SECONDED. I'M STILL UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT --

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S OTHERWISE EXACTLY THE SAME AS WHAT YOU  
12   VOTED AGAINST SIX HOURS AGO.

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14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DON'T RUB IT IN, SIR.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO RUB IT AS HARD AS I CAN.

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL THEN I'LL BREAK YOUR ARM.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL SEE.

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22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DIDN'T HAVE TO BE ANY OF THIS.

23   SHOULDN'T BE. I'M CHAIRING THE MEETING STILL. I SEEK

24   CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT'S BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

25   IS THERE CLARITY AS TO WHAT'S BEFORE US?





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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE THAT  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THE ITEM TO INCLUDE  
4 THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WHAT WE WERE SEEKING TO  
7 ESTABLISH IS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A NEED TO DIRECT THE  
8 COMMISSION IN ANY WAY. THERE WAS A TWO-PART MOTION, AMENDMENT  
9 TO IT BEING TO HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL COME BACK TO US OR TO  
10 COMMUNICATE TO THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS WHAT THE STATUS OF  
11 THEIR AUTHORITY WAS SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT COUNTY  
12 COUNSEL HAD NOT OPINED ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION AT ALL. AND SO  
13 WHAT I'M SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND IS WHAT WE ARE DOING AT THIS  
14 POINT. ARE WE ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO CLARIFY FOR ALL  
15 COMMISSIONS AND THE SPECIFIC COMMISSION IN QUESTION WHAT THEY  
16 CAN OR CANNOT DO? OR ARE WE DOING SOMETHING ELSE?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE DOING BOTH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS ORIGINALLY AMENDED TO HAVE COUNSEL REPORT  
21 BACK ON ALL COMMISSIONS WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED TO. WHAT THIS  
22 DOES, WHAT HIS AMENDMENT THEN AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WE ARE  
23 APPROVING FOR THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO MOVE FORWARD.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH IS THE QUESTION I'M  
3 ADDRESSING. DO WE NEED TO APPROVE THAT? OR CAN THEY JUST ON  
4 THEIR OWN DO SO? THAT'S THE SUBSTANCE OF THE --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF MIC COMMENTS) .

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M ASKING FOR AN AYE VOTE.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND I'M CLEAR, AND I'M SEEKING  
11 CLARIFICATION.

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13 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS  
14 I INDICATED EARLIER, THIS PARTICULAR COMMISSION COULD, IF IT  
15 SO DESIRED, HAVE FORMED A TEMPORARY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF LESS  
16 THAN A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE  
17 THE MATTER SET FORTH IN THE MOTION. AND THIS COMMITTEE COULD  
18 FORM A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. HOWEVER, THE ABILITY OF THAT  
19 COMMISSION TO TAKE THAT ACTION CERTAINLY DOES NOT PRECLUDE  
20 YOUR BOARD FROM GIVING DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSION TO DO  
21 EXACTLY THE SAME THING. AND SO MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOTION  
22 AS AMENDED, ITEM NO. 1 OF THE MOTION WOULD BE TO INSTRUCT THE  
23 REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF  
24 THE WHOLE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE YEAR, INSTRUCT THE  
25 COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE C.E.O. REAL ESTATE DIVISION



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1 ON THE TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE MOTION. AND THEN I WILL BE  
2 SEPARATELY REPORTING BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITH RESPECT TO THE  
3 GUIDANCE NECESSARY FOR COMMISSIONS ON THE SCOPE OF THEIR  
4 AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS SUCH AS THIS MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE  
7 MATTER, BUT ON THE PROCESS, IF THE COMMISSION ITSELF --

8

9 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THAT IS WHAT I MEANT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALREADY HAD THE AUTHORITY TO  
12 PROCEED IF IT WERE SO INCLINED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER,  
13 AND WE DON'T HAVE AN OBLIGATION NOR IS IT A REQUIREMENT TO  
14 GIVE THEM THAT INSTRUCTION, THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE  
15 WOULD DO AFFIRMATIVELY TO EMPOWER THEM TO DO SO, THAT'S PART  
16 OF THE QUESTION. THEN THE OTHER PART OF THE QUESTION IS: WHAT  
17 ARE THE RULES OF THE ROAD WITH RESPECT TO THE BOARD'S  
18 INSTRUCTION TO COMMISSIONS? ARE WE ALLOWED TO DO THAT? ARE WE  
19 ENTITLED TO GIVE AN ADVISORY VOTE THAT REDUCES ITSELF TO A  
20 SUGGESTION? WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER, I'M  
21 REALLY ASKING A PROCESS QUESTION AT THIS POINT, MR. COUNTY  
22 COUNSEL.

23

24 **JOHN KRATTLI:** WELL AS I INDICATED --

25



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE DIRECT THE COMMISSION TO  
2    DO SOMETHING?

3

4    **JOHN KRATTLI:** I BELIEVE YOUR BOARD CAN INSTRUCT THE REAL  
5    ESTATE COMMISSION TO TAKE THE ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS  
6    MOTION.

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU BELIEVE THAT. AND  
9    THEN YOU FOLLOW-UP WITH THE MORE FORMALIZED OPINION OF WHAT WE  
10   ARE ENTITLED AND NOT ENTITLED TO DO AND WHAT THE COMMISSIONS  
11   THEMSELVES CAN AND CANNOT DO, THAT IS A PART OF THE ACTION  
12   BEFORE US?

13

14   **JOHN KRATTLI:** YES. WITH REGARD TO THE GIST OF THIS MOTION,  
15   YES.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, BUT I THINK THE QUESTION IS  
18   LARGER THAN JUST THIS MOTION, MR. KRATTLI.

19

20   **JOHN KRATTLI:** WELL I WILL READ THE TRANSCRIPT VERY CAREFULLY  
21   AND SEEK TO DO MY BEST TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BOARD'S  
22   INSTRUCTION.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS  
25   AND SO FORTH AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I THINK



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1 MR. ANTONOVICH, THIS IS THE MOTION THAT YOU WISH TO OFFER AS  
2 AN AMENDMENT TO THAT WHICH IS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 YAROSLAVSKY AND SECONDED THEN BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY FURTHER  
4 DISCUSSION ON IT? HEARING NONE, THERE ARE THREE VOTES IN FAVOR  
5 AND ONE ABSTENTION, THAT WOULD BE MINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** EXCUSE ME, MR. CHAIRMAN.

8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS SITTING HERE ON THE SIDE --

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T SEE HER.

11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16 THANK YOU. MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY. WELL STATED, SUPERVISOR

17 MOLINA. ALL RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ANYTHING MORE TO

18 COME BEFORE US?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT MOTION IF I COULD

25 READ.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY, INDEED, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FLOYD N. KISSINGER PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 3 AT  
5 THE AGE OF 64. HE WAS BAPTIZED AT SALEM LUTHERAN IN 1975,  
6 ACTIVE IN CHURCH FOR 38 YEARS. HE WAS A TEACHER FOR THE LAST  
7 24 YEARS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IN BURBANK, A CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
8 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CLARA, WHO IS ALSO AN  
9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AT SALEM LUTHERAN. THEY WERE QUITE  
10 INVOLVED IN BOTH OF THE SCHOOLS. AND FLOYD'S WIFE WAS MY  
11 CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTOR IN FIFTH GRADE. SO I MOVE THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FLOYD KISSINGER.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS  
16 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE ARE ABOUT  
17 20 PEOPLE THAT WE SEE. AND WE'RE GOING TO MOVE WITH RESPECT  
18 AND SPEED, EACH PERSON WILL BE AFFORDED 1 MINUTE TO BE HEARD  
19 ON THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION. WE WILL BEGIN WITH CHARLES  
20 FLETCHER. MR. FLETCHER, ARE YOU HERE? RAISE YOUR HAND IF  
21 YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ARNOLD SACHS, ARE YOU HERE?  
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD. ANTONIA RAMIREZ, ARE YOU HERE? PLEASE  
23 COME FORWARD. IRENE PANG, MISS PANG, ARE YOU HERE? PLEASE COME  
24 FORWARD. CONSTANCE JOHNSON, MAY I SEE YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE



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1 HERE? ALL RIGHT. THOSE INDIVIDUALS, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED.

2 CHARLES FLETCHER.

3

4 **CHARLES FLETCHER:** YES. MY NAME IS CHARLES FLETCHER AND I'M  
5 HERE ON THE BASIS OF CHILD SUPPORT IN WHICH I FEEL IS UNFAIR  
6 BECAUSE I'M NOT UNFIT OR I'M NOT A DAD THAT'S NOT TRYING TO  
7 TAKE CARE OF HIS KIDS. I TAKE CARE OF MY KIDS. AND I FEEL THAT  
8 THEY ARE REALLY TAKING TOO MUCH MONEY OUT OF MY CHECKING WHICH  
9 I WORK HARD FOR AND WHICH THE MOTHER WAS CONSTANTLY HAVING  
10 KIDS. AND I'M PAYING FOR ALL WHAT SHE'S DOING. I HAVE KIDS AND  
11 THEY ARE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT I HAVE ANOTHER FAMILY AND I CAN  
12 BARELY SURVIVE ON WHAT I AM MAKING. AND I'M TIRED OF TALKING  
13 TO, GO DOWN THERE TO THE COURTS TO TALK TO THEM. THEY'RE NOT  
14 EVEN LISTENING. I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN MOTIONS AND I'M NOT BEING  
15 HEARD ABOUT MY MOTIONS AND THEY'RE NOT HEARING. IT'S LIKE I'M  
16 BEING AFFECTED MORE BECAUSE AS A MAN I CAN'T EVEN SUPPORT MY  
17 FAMILY THE WAY I CAN BECAUSE CHILD SUPPORT IS TAKING SO MUCH  
18 OUT. I DON'T NEED TO PAY NOBODY TO TAKE CARE OF MY KIDS. I CAN  
19 TAKE CARE OF MY KIDS ON MY OWN. IF THE MOTHER WANT TO SIT UP  
20 AND GET FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY AND NOT WORK, THEN LET HER DO  
21 THAT, BUT I WORK FOR MY OWN KIDS AND I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE  
22 CARE OF MY OWN KIDS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
25 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THERE IS SOMEONE REPRESENTING THAT





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1 DEPARTMENT HERE. AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH  
2 THAT REPRESENTATIVE, PLEASE HAVE A SEAT AND THEY WILL APPROACH  
3 YOU VERY SHORTLY. THANK YOU, MR. FLETCHER. NEXT SPEAKER,  
4 PLEASE. MISS RAMIREZ.

5

6 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO RESTORE AMERICA.  
7 THEREFORE, IT IS A KNOWN FACT WE HAVE A DANGEROUS AND  
8 DIABOLICAL EPIDEMIC OF CRIMINAL ILLEGAL FELONS, VIOLENT GANG  
9 BANGERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CHONGO GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM.  
10 THEY ARE MENTALLY EVIL AND TWISTED DEVIANTS, HENCE LET'S SHUT  
11 DOWN AND TIGHTLY SEAL THESE ILLEGAL SAFE HAVEN SANCTUARY  
12 CITIES THAT ARE HIGHLY TOXIC AND POLLUTED, I.E., EAST LOS  
13 ANGELES CESSPOOL AND ALL LATINO HISPANIC CESSPOOL COMMUNITIES.  
14 THEY ARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE. MOREOVER, THESE  
15 CORRUPTED SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND LATINO CRIMINAL ILLEGAL  
16 FELONS ALONG WITH LATINO VIOLENT STREET GANG BANGERS ARE  
17 ENGAGED IN LATINO AND HISPANIC CRIMINAL ILLEGAL DOMESTIC  
18 TERRORISM MONOPOLIES, I.E., FROM PETTY THEFT TO GRAND THEFT,  
19 THEFT OF ASSETS, MAIL THEFT, I.D. THEFT, PIRACY, MONEY  
20 LAUNDERING, CRIMINAL ILLEGAL VIOLATIONS. CRIMINAL ILLEGAL  
21 UNDERWORLD.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS, PLEASE?

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
2   HERE'S A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT QUANDARIES THAT I THINK YOU MIGHT  
3   FIND YOURSELF IN. YOU MENTIONED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO MAKING A  
4   MOTION TO HAVE STATE AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES BACK YOU ON  
5   LOOKING AT SOME NEW GUIDELINES REGARDING GUNS BASED ON THE  
6   TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED IN SANDY HOOK. AND NOW HERE'S  
7   YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER IN THE BUSINESS SECTION. SMITH AND  
8   WESSON QUARTERLY EARNINGS MORE THAN TRIPLED. WELL, WE HEARD  
9   SOME DISCUSSIONS REGARDING RETIREMENT FUNDS BEING ENMESHED  
10   WITH GUN MANUFACTURERS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RETIREMENT FUNDS  
11   AND FUNDING THAT MONEY SO THAT YOU DON'T TAKE OUT OF THE  
12   GENERAL FUND, HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THIS BIT OF PROFIT AND COVER  
13   THE LOSS IF YOU REMOVE THE RETIREMENT FUNDS FROM THESE GUN  
14   MANUFACTURERS? YOU'RE THE ONE I'LL WAIT FOR NEXT WEEK. IN  
15   OTHER WORDS, I HAVE A GIFT FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AT ONE OF  
16   THE METRO MEETINGS HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT MISSING A  
17   CHOO-CHOO. SO I HAVE A WHISTLE.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
20   TESTIMONY. CONSTANCE JOHNSON. ERIC PREVEN. CLYDE WILLIAMS AND  
21   DIANE ZUNIGA. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? MA'AM, PLEASE. YOUR  
22   NAME?

23

24   **CONSTANCE JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CONNIE JOHNSON.  
25   AND FIRST OF ALL GIVE IT UP, GIVE IT UNTO GOD WHO IS THE HEAD



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1 OF MY LIFE. I AM HERE BEFORE THE BOARD AND THANK YOU SO MUCH  
2 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, FOR THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE  
3 REQUESTING A PROMOTION OF CHILDREN SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR 2.  
4 AND I'M REQUESTING THIS EVEN THOUGH THAT I WILL NOT -- IT  
5 WOULD NOT RESTORE OR COMPENSATE FOR THE SITUATIONS WHICH I  
6 HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN MY DEPARTMENT. I WORK FOR DEPARTMENT OF  
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR 27 YEARS.  
8 AND I HAVE ENCOUNTERED HARASSMENT. I'VE BEEN WORKING IN A  
9 HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND RETALIATION AND DISCRIMINATION. I  
10 HAVE GIVEN A PLETHORA OF INFORMATION TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.  
11 AND SO YOU CAN HOPEFULLY GET THAT INFORMATION. I KNOW MY  
12 TIME'S EXPIRED. I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING THREE MINUTES. SORRY. I  
13 THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO HAVE ABOUT THREE MINUTES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT WE HAVE YOUR  
16 DOCUMENTS. AND WE WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **CONSTANCE JOHNSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY. MISS PANG?

22

23 **IRENE PANG:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M IRENE. AT PRESENT TIME I  
24 NEED THE HOSPITALIZATION TO COMPLETE THE HEALING PROCESS FOR  
25 THE DISEASE. AFTER A FEW YEARS, CELL HEALING. SECOND, I



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1 REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT GIVE THE CREDIT AND SUPPORT TO MY  
2 FAMILY, THE MEMBERS, MY BROTHERS AND THE NEPHEWS AND THE  
3 NIECES. THEY HAVE BEEN FACE WITH DIFFICULTY AND SUFFER. THE  
4 HELPING HAND IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MY FAMILY MEMBER AND ALL THE  
5 VICTIMS. MY CAR ACTUALLY DON'T WORKING ON DUTY FOR THE  
6 PROTECTING POWER TO ALL THE CITIZEN. BUT MY CAR YESTERDAY HAVE  
7 BEEN IN THE IMPOUND AND GIVEN A CITATION FOR JUST IN PASSING  
8 BY THE OPPOSITE PATIENTS. THAT PATIENT, THE PROTECTION  
9 FUNCTION TO THE POWER TO OTHER SYSTEM ALMOST CAUSED ECONOMY  
10 KNOWS L.A. COUNTY AND UNITED NATIONS. IS IT SO DIFFICULT FOR  
11 THE YOUNG STAFF IN WORKING ON THEM IN THE PROJECTS TO THE  
12 POWER TECHNOLOGY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS PANG?

15

16 **IRENE PANG:** AND I SPENT GOVERNMENT --

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HELLO, MRS. PANG? YOUR TIME IS  
19 EXPIRED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MR. PREVEN?

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY  
22 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 HERE IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.  
23 THERE IS SOMETHING THAT'S COME UP WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE  
24 PUBLIC RECORD. WHEN INDIVIDUALS LIKE MANY IN TODAY'S MEETING  
25 PROVIDE A DOCUMENT TO BE ADDED TO THE PUBLIC RECORD, WE HAVE



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1 DISCOVERED THAT IN FACT IT GOES INTO A CHUTE MARKED SOMETHING.  
2 AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS FIND A WAY TO ATTACH IT TO THE  
3 STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS. NOW I'VE INITIATED THIS CONVERSATION  
4 WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND HER TEAM. AND OF COURSE THEY  
5 ARE LESS THAN FULLY ENTHUSED BY MY SUGGESTION. THAT SAID, I  
6 WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENT AS A TEST TALE TO SEE IF  
7 WHEN I SUBMIT IT HERE INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD IF IN FACT IT  
8 DOES APPEAR IN THAT MANNER AND THEN THE PUBLIC CAN REST  
9 ASSURED MANY OF THESE DILIGENT AND INTELLIGENT MEMBERS OF THE  
10 -- THANK YOU, SIR -- OF THE PUBLIC WHO CAME DOWN HERE TO  
11 PROVIDE THEIR WRITTEN TESTIMONY NEED TO KNOW THAT IT IS NOT  
12 GOING INTO A VACUUM WHERE IT MUST BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE  
13 PUBLIC RECORD ACT, SOMETHING THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH. NOW, IN  
14 CONCLUSION I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT TODAY THE BOARD WAS  
15 AT ITS OTHER'S FEET A LITTLE BIT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. GOOD  
16 PROCESS. WE'RE GETTING THROUGH IT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE FINAL NOTE ON THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, ARE  
21 FIVE MEMBERS SEATED ON IT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE WEBSITE  
22 SAYS --

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU CAN APPEAL TO THE  
25 PUBLIC RECORD FOR THAT INFORMATION.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** CHECK THE WEBSITE BECAUSE IT IS YOUR WEBSITE SIR.  
3 WE WANT IT TO HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM? LET ME CALL  
6 AND THE ABDUL MUHAMMAD, JEFFREY ROBINSON, DAVID SERRANO. JOHN  
7 WALSH. IF YOU WOULD COME, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE.

8

9 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I AM HERE AS THE  
10 STATEWIDE ORGANIZER FOR CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE  
11 BUDGET. I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW WE HAD A VERY PEACEFUL  
12 DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE TODAY. A FEW COMMUNITY ADVOCATES CAME  
13 OUT BASICALLY HIGHLIGHTING OUR DEMANDS THAT WE'VE GIVEN TO YOU  
14 BEFORE. WE'RE DEMANDING YOU ALL TO REJECT THE A.B.900 MONEY  
15 AND TO NOT BUILD THE WOMEN'S VILLAGE, TO USE A.B.109 FUNDING  
16 FOR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES, IMPLEMENT AND EXPAND ALTERNATIVES  
17 SUCH AS LAURA'S LAW AND STOP ALL JAIL EXPANSION. I'M ALSO  
18 GIVING YOU ALL A FEW ITEMS IN THE FOLDERS. IT'S A REVISED  
19 FLIER, AN ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTING OUR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
20 EVENT THAT HAPPENED THIS SATURDAY. ANOTHER INVITATION TO YOU  
21 ALL FOR A MARCH 30 EVENT WHICH IS CALLED ENVISIONING A HEALTHY  
22 FREE L.A., WHERE WE'LL BE BRINGING ARCHITECTS TOGETHER AND  
23 ASKING THE COMMUNITY WHAT THEY CAN USE WITH THESE AREAS  
24 INSTEAD OF A JAIL. AND ALSO A REPORT ENTITLED HOW GENDER-  
25 RESPONSIVE PRISONS HARM WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WE



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1 REALLY HOPE THAT YOU ALL LOOK AT THIS REPORT BECAUSE THIS HAS  
2 SOME RELATION TO THE JAILS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED. SO THANK  
3 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. NEXT  
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YOU GUYS HAD A LONG DAY SO I'M GOING TO LEAVE MY  
9 COMMENTS TO LATER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ASK  
12 FOR TERRY SIGMUND. TERRY SIGMUND? SAMUEL PAZ? DENISE PAZ?  
13 DENNIS PAZ? ALL RIGHT. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR?

14

15 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. YES  
16 YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB HERE. AS WE SIT HERE, WE'RE WAITING  
17 LIVE, YOU'RE WATCHING LIVE FOR THE NEWS OF WHO WILL BE THE  
18 NEXT POPE. AS YOU KNOW, OUR WEBSITE'S PREDICTION IS ANTONIO  
19 VILLARAIGOSA. UNDER CATHOLIC RULES IT CAN BE ANYBODY, AND WE  
20 THINK HE IS THE MOST PERFECT PERSON ON EARTH.

21 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. WE DESTROYED PROP A. YOU'RE NOT  
22 INVOLVED IN THAT. WE ASK YOU TO GO TO THE FRONT PAGE ONLINE  
23 AND GOOGLE JOHN WALSH OR GO TO RON K. L.A., READ WHAT IT HAS  
24 THERE. OR GO TO MAYOR SAM, AND READ ALL THE BLOGS. AND T.B. IS  
25 OUT OF CONTROL IN L.A. ONE GROUP OF MORONS WANTS TO TAKE THE





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1 T.B., TAKE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE COUNTY, AND HAND IT  
2 OVER TO THE CITY. THE CITY SAID NOT IN A BILLION YEARS. THINGS  
3 ARE TERRIBLE. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

6

7 **DAVID SERRANO:** JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE  
8 UNIVERSE, AMEN. LORD GOD ALMIGHTY JESUS CHRIST WHO IS AND WHO  
9 WAS AND WHO IS TO COME HAS ALREADY PROCLAIMED AND WILL  
10 PROCLAIM AGAIN UNTO THE WHOLE WORLD AT HIS SECOND COMING I AM  
11 THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE ALMIGHTY, APOCALYPSE 1:8. AND  
12 BECAUSE OF THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH AND TIME ZONES, THE EXACT  
13 DAY AND HOUR WHEN THE LORD JESUS DOES RETURN CANNOT BE SAID  
14 HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WHEN HE DOES RETURN, IT WILL BE A  
15 DIFFERENT DAY AND HOUR FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD  
16 DEPENDING ON WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. GOD'S PROPHETIC TIME  
17 SCALE IS CLEAR WITH THE ONE LORD ONE DAY IS 1,000 YEARS AND  
18 1,000 YEARS ARE LIKE ONE DAY, 2 PETER 3:8. REMEMBER, ISRAEL  
19 BECAME A NATION AGAIN IN 1948. 1967, ISRAEL TOOK BACK  
20 JERUSALEM. NOW THE WHOLE WORLD IS FIGHTING FOR JERUSALEM.  
21 THERE WILL NOT BE PEACE. THERE WILL ONLY BE A FALSE PEACE.  
22 1979, SADDAM HUSSEIN CAME INTO POWER IN IRAQ. HE BUILT A NEW  
23 BABYLON ON TOP OF THE RUINS OF ANCIENT BABYLON. THE EUPHRATES  
24 RIVER IS DRYING UP FAST. SO ARE THE SOUTHERN MARSHES OF IRAQ.  
25 BELIEVE IN JESUS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S UP. PEACE AND  
3 JOY. NEXT?

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5 **TERRY SIGMUND:** I WANT TO DISCUSS THE REASON I'M COMING HERE,  
6 WHICH IS MY SON'S CAT ALLERGIES. I HAVE, I'M READING OUT OF  
7 APPEALS BRIEF THAT MY COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY HAS WRITTEN.  
8 AND IT TALKS ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT IS DISAGREEING  
9 WITH MY OPINION ON THIS. THE TRIAL COURT AGREED WITH THE  
10 MOTHER THAT THE RASHES FOUND ON X.S., WHICH IS INITIALS OF MY  
11 SON, WERE VERY CONCERNING AND AGREED THE DEPARTMENT WRONGFULLY  
12 IGNORED HER CONCERNS. THE SOCIAL WORKER INSISTS CHILD DOESN'T  
13 NEED TO BE SEEN BY ALLERGIST AND AVOIDS ANSWERING QUESTIONS  
14 REGARDING WHETHER CHILD HAS BEEN SEEN BY ALLERGIST INCLUDING  
15 QUESTIONS BY THE TRIAL COURT. UNAWARE IF CHILD TESTED FOR  
16 ALLERGENS IN MID-JUNE 11 AS EXPECTED AND A TEST WAS RESET IN  
17 AUGUST. NO DIAGNOSIS MADE REGARDING CAT ALLERGIES YET. COURT  
18 TALKED TO WORKER ABOUT THAT DELAY. WORKERS REFUSE TO DISCUSS.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **TERRY SIGMUND:** YOU'RE STILL NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT MY CATS  
24 AND THERE IS A COURT ORDER FOR THIS. WHO AM I GOING TO GO TO?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOTED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKERS,  
2    PLEASE.

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4    **SAMUEL PAZ:** HI, MY NAME IS SAMUEL PAZ AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
5    DISCUSS, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS SOME ISSUES ON D.C.F.S. AND  
6    HOW THEY DESTROYED MY FAMILY. AFTER SEPARATING MY SISTER FROM  
7    HER CHILDREN DUE TO NONVIOLENT ALLEGATIONS THEY WERE ADOPTED.  
8    IT'S NOT FAIR FOR THE CHILDREN TO NOT BE ABLE TO KNOW AND  
9    UNDERSTAND THEIR FAMILY HISTORY, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN WERE  
10    BONDED WITH THEIR MATERNAL FAMILY. THE SYSTEM FAILED TO TAKE  
11    INTO CONSIDERATION HOW MUCH OUR FAMILY LOVED THE CHILDREN AND  
12    WOULD HAVE WANTED TO ALWAYS BE THERE IN THEIR LIVES. D.C.F.S.  
13    DIDN'T WANT US TOGETHER, THEN THEY COULD HAVE AT LEAST GAVE US  
14    SOME KIND OF VISITATION RIGHTS AS QUALIFIED AND WELL RESPECTED  
15    CITIZENS. MY NIECES AND NEPHEWS WERE PLACED IN A DISTURBING  
16    AND DESTRUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ADOPTION. FAILURE ON  
17    D.C.F.S. TO UNDERTAKE THE ADEQUATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS OF THE  
18    PREMISES IN A SAFE CONDITION NECESSARY TO PROTECT THESE  
19    CHILDREN IN WHICH THEIR SAFETY AND PEACE OF MIND HAS BEEN  
20    HAMPERED WITH.

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22    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. PAZ? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
23    YOU ARE FREE TO SUBMIT THE BALANCE OF YOUR TESTIMONY TO THE  
24    SERGEANT AND IT WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD ACCORDINGLY.  
25    THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?



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2 **DENISE PAZ:** HI, MY CHILDREN WERE ABUSED IN FOSTER CARE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME MA'AM?

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6 **DENISE PAZ:** OH, MY NAME IS DENISE. I RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES. I  
7 JUST DON'T WANT TO SPARE MY SECONDS. MY CHILDREN WERE ABUSED  
8 IN FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MY SON WAS FULLY POTTY TRAINED WHEN  
9 WARD TO THE SYSTEM. AT THE AGE 8 YEARS OLD, MY SON WAS WEARING  
10 DIAPERS IN FOSTER CARE AND MY SON HAD A BROKEN TOE AND A  
11 BURNED SHOULDER. IMMEDIATELY FILED A POLICE REPORT. AS A  
12 RESULT OF THE FOSTER KID WHO WOUNDED MY SON, HE WENT TO  
13 JUVENILE HALL, ADMITTED FOR SEXUAL CONDUCT AND TORTURE. AS A  
14 RESULT TO ME I WAS CRUCIFIED AND MY PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE  
15 TERMINATED. MOREOVER, MY CHILDREN WERE PLACED IN A THREE  
16 BEDROOM HOME HOUSING THREE HIGH CONTROL PAROLEES. IN ADDITION  
17 TO THEM, ALSO RESIDING ONE OF THE CONVICT'S WIFE. EXAMPLES OF  
18 RECORDS AND CONVICTIONS SERVED THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO  
19 THE DEPARTMENT. MY CHILDREN, SUBJECT TO PAROLE RAIDS,  
20 MARIJUANA SMOKED OPENLY AT ANY GIVEN TIME TO CREATE A  
21 DISTURBANCE WITH NO INTERVENTION BY D.C.F.S. MY QUESTION IS  
22 HOW IN THE WORLD DID D.C.F.S. APPROVE THIS HOME WHICH HOUSED  
23 11 PEOPLE AND IS VERY OVERCROWDED AND NOT SUITABLE FOR MY  
24 CHILDREN? THIS COULD BE APPROVED FOR A HALFWAY HOME REHAB FOR  
25 PAROLEES BUT NOT FOR CHILDREN. MY CHILDREN'S CHANCES FOR A



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1 CRIME FREE LIFE AS ADULTS MAY BE QUESTIONABLE AND PARTICULARLY  
2 MY DAUGHTER MAY LEARN THAT ABUSE OF A FEMALE IS NORMAL AND  
3 SIMPLY ACCEPTS THAT AND AS AN ADULT WOMAN SHE WILL NOT  
4 QUESTION ABUSE. ALSO MY TWO BOYS MAY BE FORCED AND PUSHED INTO  
5 THE DRUG OR CRIMINAL LIFESTYLE TO A PERMANENTLY SORDID LIFE.  
6 THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME EXTRA TIME.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
9 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS, MR.  
12 CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MEMBERS, ASSUMING  
15 THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE DAY,  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE WISHES TO BE HEARD. I THINK HE WISHES TO MAKE  
17 A MOTION FOR -- LET'S DISCUSS ADJOURNMENT BY VOTING WITH YOUR  
18 FEET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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